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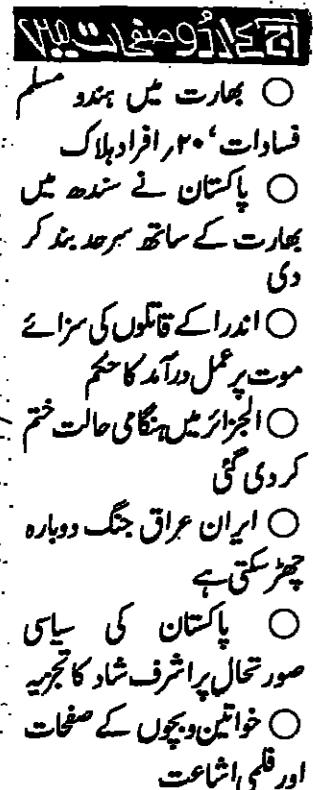
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WASHINGTON, Oct 12, (AP): Senate revived attempts to impose punitive sanctions against Iraq for its alleged use of son gas against Kurdishians.

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Conference calls for greater understanding of Islam**OIC rebuffs Western media domination**

JEDDAH, Oct 12, (Agencies): Islamic nations wrapped up their first information conference today with a call for greater understanding in the West of Muslim aspirations.

Delegates to the conference, organised by the 46-member Organisation of Islamic Conference, (OIC) said massive investment would be needed to counter what they saw as the domination of world media by the West.

Proposals included the reactivation of the Islamic International News Agency (IINA), establishment of an Islamic news pool and modernising of equipment.

Priority

Delegates said greater priority was also needed for the training of Muslim journalists.

Prof Abdellahi Boutaleb, Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, known as ISESCO, said the world's estimated 800 million Muslims must be educated against outside influences including "foreign

media" characterizations of "backwardness, ignorance and fanaticism as the main features of our peoples."

The Secretary-General of the influential Organisation of Islamic Conference, Sharifuddin Pirzada of Pakistan, launched a scathing attack on Western news agencies for what he described as their hostility to Muslims.

Increase

"News and analyses emanating from Western news agencies either ignore or deliberately distort and undermine the just causes of Muslims," Pirzada said. "The Western media is indifferent to the realities of the Islamic world and is actively hostile and antagonistic to our faith, our cultural heritage, our objectives."

This was reflected in local newspaper coverage of the conference.

The English-language Arab News said in an editorial: "We cannot ... rely on the insensitive and uncomprehending international news agencies, let alone pro-Zionist information agencies, for news of what is happening in the world."

"Outside the Islamic world, anti-Islamic prejudice is most definitely on the increase. Much of it is pure religious bigotry, but there is a marked streak of racism involved in it as well," the newspaper said.

It said any effort to correct this situation would be wasted if it is "nothing more than a machine pushing Islamic information back into the Islamic world."

"We cannot allow ourselves to rely on the insensitive and uncomprehending international news agencies ... when Islam is involved," it said.

Delegates from other Third World Islamic countries also voiced grievances against what they described as the insensitivity of the Western media to their needs.

Ability

"The Western agencies have the ability to cover the world, but when they cover developing countries they focus on negative aspects such as violence and racial tensions and ignore progress and achievements," one Mauritanian delegate said.

"That's why we need our own

Islamic news agency to reflect our reality and our aspirations and culture."

Delegates also heard warnings against increasing Western influence undermining traditional Muslim values. "We need to co-operate with the West and to gain from the technological era," one Turkish delegate said.

"We must be careful to protect our people from the negative aspects of foreign ways."

Proposing

Kuwait's delegation to the conference has presented a working paper proposing setting up of an Islamic information council that supervises implementation of the information.

The council is also proposed to be in charge of bolstering Islamic co-operation in the cultural field with the aim of forging closer links between Islamic peoples and exchanging expertise in the information technical field among Islamic countries.

King Fahd, who cut diplomatic relations with Tehran in April, said in opening the conference he was sorry the Iranians had not attended.

Recommend

Asked by reporters afterwards if a decision on a state should be delayed until after the elections, Arafat said:

"We don't take into consideration what is happening in Israel or the United States. We care only for the interests of our people. My main interest is to find a land for my people."

Arafat said the Palestine National Council (PNC) — the Palestinian parliament-in-exile — would meet by the end of the month to discuss the issue, but he declined to give a date or venue.

Palestinian leaders meeting in Tunis last weekend decided to recommend to the PNC that it approve the declaration of an independent state.

At his last meeting with Arafat on Sept 21, Mubarak urged the PLO leader to delay any such initiative until after the elections in Israel and the United States.

Israeli officials have said Egypt and the Soviet Union tried to convince the PLO to postpone its declaration for fear the move could help the right-wing Likud bloc of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir win the Israeli poll.

In Moscow, PLO executive committee member Abu Mazin said he believed the United States was moving towards acceptance of an international conference on the Middle East.

Mazin, heading a PLO delegation in talks with Soviet officials, also denied that the Soviet Union had tried to put pressure on the PLO not to form a provisional Palestinian government or a government-in-exile, options currently under discussion.

"The Soviet Union supports the choice made by our leadership," he said, praising the backing Moscow had given the movement.

The Soviet Union has backed the PLO's call for such an international conference, which Mazin said should include the five permanent members of the UN Security Council as well as Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Egypt, the PLO and Israel.

No accord yet on Mideast peace conference: UN chief

NICOSIA, Oct 12, (Reuter): Iran and Kuwait are to upgrade relations to ambassador level and Kuwaiti diplomats are now in Tehran discussing final details, the Iranian deputy prime minister for political affairs said.

Speaking in Tabriz, northwest Iran, yesterday, Minister Ali Reza Moayeri told the Iranian news agency IRNA that the necessary arrangements for an exchange of envoys had been made.

Relations between Kuwait and Tehran improved after the August ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war during which Kuwait backed Baghdad.

The Kuwaiti embassy in Tehran was ransacked by Iranian demonstrators in August last year and Kuwait, which accused Iran of firing missiles at its oil facilities, later expelled five Iranian diplomats.

Moayeri also said the last round of Gulf war peace talks in New York had been more successful than the previous round in Geneva where the two countries would resume their talks in November.

His report was requested in a

Death warrants issued for Indira assassins

NEW DELHI, Oct 12, (AP): A judge today issued warrants for the execution of two Sikhs convicted in the 1984 assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, news reports said.

Judge S.C. Jain signed the "black warrants" authorising the hanging of Satwant Singh and Kehar Singh, the United News of India said.

The date was not immediately disclosed, the news agency said.

The warrants were delivered to the superintendent of the maximum-security Tihar Central jail in New Delhi, where the two men are being held, United News of India reported.

Shortly after the warrants were signed, lawyers for both men appealed for mercy to President Ramaswamy Venkataraman, who must rule within 90 days, according to Home Ministry spokesman, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The warrants are stayed until the President rules, the spokesman said.

The convictions and death sentences for both men have been upheld, and the Supreme Court has rejected their appeals. The conviction and death sentence of a third man, Balbir Singh, was overturned in August for lack of evidence.

Mrs Gandhi was shot and killed in the garden of her home on Oct 31, 1984, by two of her Sikh bodyguards, Satwant Singh and Beant Singh.

Both were involved in a gunbattle with other security guards minutes after the assassination, and Beant Singh died of bullet wounds.

Referendum on constitutional changes**Troops leave Algiers as emergency ends**

ALGIERS, Oct 12, (Agencies): Truckloads of troops and dozens of tanks rolled out of the Algerian capital today, ending a six-day state of emergency imposed by President Chadli Benjedid to quell rioting.

Soviet-made tanks and armoured personnel carriers began leaving Algiers shortly after midnight, several hours after Benjedid announced the state of siege would be lifted at 6 am (5:00 GMT).

A few soldiers stood guard in front of key government buildings today and a handful of armoured vehicles remained stationed in front of the Defence Ministry and headquarters of the ruling National Liberation Front party.

Children returned to schools, closed since Friday, and those shops that survived the rioting reopened for business.

Changes in the Algerian constitution are to be put to popular vote in a referendum, the presidency said in a statement today.

The statement, reported by the official news agency APS, said the changes would involve "a new organisation of the executive" in which the President would choose a prime minister responsible to the national assembly.

The present Prime Minister, Abdelhamid Brahimi, draws his authority from the National Liberation Front (FLN), which has ruled Algeria as a one-party state since 1962.

The statement said the referendum would be held on November 3, which would be before the next FLN congress, due to be held at the beginning of December.

A programme of political reforms announced by Benjedid in a broadcast on Monday will be submitted to the FLN congress and will ensure "greater democratisation of political action," the statement added.

The reforms, involving "political and institutional changes" in the constitution, will also be submitted later to referendum, the statement concluded.

More than 3,000 looters and agitators arrested in the last hours of the state of emergency remained held in the police school and elsewhere.

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The curfew had been imposed with immediate effect in a border belt up to 25 km (15 miles) wide, a government spokesman said today.

Farwaniya is the newest governorate in accordance with the decree.

Ahmed Al Hamoud Al Jaber Al Sabah was named director of the Interior Minister's office.

The new Hawalli governor, Al Barjees, who succeeds Sheikh Salim Al Hamoud Al Sabah who resigned earlier this year, was Khaldiya's mukhtar.

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President Mubarak (left) received Arafat at the presidential palace in Cairo. (Reuter wirephoto)

Decision on PLO state will be taken regardless of US, Israeli elections

CAIRO, Oct 12, (Reuter): Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said today any decision to declare a Palestinian state would be taken regardless of elections next month in the United States and Israel.

Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), had a two-hour meeting with Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak, their second in less than a month.

At his last meeting with Arafat on Sept 21, Mubarak urged the PLO leader to delay any such initiative until after the elections in Israel and the United States.

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The PLO's members belonged to Fatah, the mainstream faction of the PLO.

Nablus, a city of 120,000, was under Army-imposed curfew for the sixth straight day following a bloody clash last week in which troops shot and killed four people and wounded 21.

Nablus residents told the Associated Press that telephone lines in the Old City were cut off for the last four days.

Earlier today, an Army patrol discovered two roadside bombs near an eye hospital compound on Nasser Street. Army officials said. Adding that they did not know whether the bomb and hand grenade attack were related.

The bomb consisted of two gas balloons, and the fuse led into an olive grove at a road junction, the Army said.

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Army demolishes West Bank houses

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 12, (AP): Palestinians buried a hand grenade at an Israeli civilian car in the occupied Gaza Strip today, while the Army blew up four West Bank houses of Palestinians accused of killing suspected "collaborators" with Israel.

The hand grenade, thrown at 9:40 am on Nasser Street in Gaza city, missed its target, and there were no injuries, the Army said.

Troops closed the area and launched house-to-house searches, an Arab reporter and Israel Radio said.

It was the second hand grenade attack in two days.

A Soviet-made grenade was thrown at an Army patrol yesterday from an eye hospital compound on Nasser Street. Army officials said. Adding that they did not know whether the bomb and hand grenade attack were related.

INTERNATIONAL

Saudi envoy arrives in Beijing

BEIJING, Oct 12. (AP): A special Saudi envoy arrived today for an official visit that could be another step toward the establishment of diplomatic relations with China.

The official Xinhua news agency said Bandar Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz would exchange views with Chinese leaders on the development of Sino-Saudi relations and international issues.

Xinhua did not give details of the message.

China has established official ties with other Arab states including Oman, Kuwait and Qatar, and has said it hopes to normalise relations with Saudi Arabia.

The two nations have had trade contacts for more than a decade, and China earlier this year stunned the United States and Israel by selling Saudi Arabia intermediate-range CSS-2 missiles.

However, the strongly anti-communist Riyadh government, one of only 32 nations in the world that maintains diplomatic relations with the Nationalist government on Taiwan, has so far resisted official ties with Beijing.

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Cuba seizes US ship

MIAMI, Oct 12. (AP): A Cuban gunship seized a US merchant ship with eight people and New Zealand's America's Cup race yacht aboard, saying the vessel was in its waters, a claim the captain flatly denied, the Coast Guard said.

The eight, at least seven of them Americans, were detained yesterday in Punto Cayo Malo, Cuba, said Coast Guard spokesman Dan Vogeley.

The disassembled sloop New Zealand was aboard the US-registered merchant ship Tampa Sea Horse, officials said.

The 133-foot (40-metre) yacht was en route from Long Beach, California, to New York City for a tour of east coast cities.

Violated

The Cubans seized the vessel off the southeastern tip of Cuba without firing shots or using force, saying it had violated the country's 12-mile (19-kilometre) territorial limit, the Coast Guard said.

Jeff Jappe, the Tampa Sea Horse's captain, radioed an urgent appeal yesterday at 3 pm (1900 GMT) to the Coast Guard, insisting he was in international waters, but Coast Guard officers advised him to comply with the

Cubans, Vogeley said. Lowell Oswald, a spokesman for the Tampa Sea Horse's agent, Zapata Marine of New Orleans, said he didn't know why the ship was seized but also maintained it was in international waters.

"We're at as much of a loss as anyone else," Oswald said.

"Hopefully, they'll let us go ... and they'll keep going to New York," he said. "There's no way to really tell."

The merchant ship was escorted to the Cuban port for inspection, said Maggie Kerrigan, a spokeswoman at the New Zealand consulate in Los Angeles.

She said one New Zealander was aboard, but a list supplied to the Coast Guard by Zapata listed all eight on board as Americans.

Cuba detains foreign ships as often as once a month for trespassing in its waters, but the vessels and crewmen usually are quickly released, said Coast Guard Lt Wayne Ball in Miami.

San Diego-based Sail America managed the successful US defense of the America's Cup race by sailing the catamaran Stars and Stripes against the single-hulled New Zealand last month off San Diego.

Half a ton of cocaine seized

NEW YORK, Oct 12. (UPI): Authorities seized half a ton of cocaine worth about \$80 million and arrested three reputed Colombian drug traffickers in a raid on a home in a quiet residential neighbourhood in Queens, officials said yesterday.

The three started Colombian, who had just received the drug shipment shortly before law enforcement officers moved in yesterday evening, were not armed and put up no resistance, said Drug Enforcement Administration spokesman Robert Strang.

The trio are believed to be high-level associates of the so-called Cali Cartel who were in charge of bringing cocaine into the metropolitan area and supplying the city's major drug dealers, he said.

"They are among the highest level distributors in the United States," Strang said.

The Cali Cartel, named for the Colombian city where the ring is based, is said to be responsible for the bulk of the cocaine trade in New York.

Tories debate law and order

BRIGHTON, England, Oct 12. (AP): The ruling Conservative Party, meeting for its annual convention in the south coast resort of Brighton, debated law and order today with delegates worried about the coincidence of rising crime and rising prosperity in the country.

Home Secretary Douglas Hurd said the government would attack crime with more police officers, a possible widening of a new ban on public drinking and electronic tags to keep track of people released on bail.

But Hurd, the cabinet minister responsible for law and order, once again rejected capital punishment, saying "don't let's get stuck just in this groove."

"Capital punishment can't be the answer to all crime, or even to violent crime in general," he said.

Abolished

Capital punishment was abolished in Britain in 1969, but an overwhelming majority of Tory delegates raised their hands in favour of its reinstatement in an unofficial convention poll today.

Hurd said that if the experiment with electronic tagging works, it could be expanded to monitor the movements of convicted offenders.

"The apparatus is relatively simple," Hurd explained. "It looks like an electronic bicycle clip, and it works ... if this project proves successful then we shall take the idea further."

Government statistics last March reported a 12 per cent increase in muggings and other violent crime in England and Wales last year and an 11 per cent increase in sexual offences.

A total of 3.9 million crimes were reported to police in England and Wales in 1987, up 45,000 from 1986. Crime figures for Scotland and Northern Ireland are reported separately.

Condemned

Roy Hattersley, deputy leader of the socialist opposition Labour Party, condemned at a news conference yesterday Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's philosophy of individual self-reliance and her determination to reduce what she calls the dependency culture based on state aid.

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INTERNATIONAL

US official proposes deal with Marcos

WASHINGTON: Oct 12, (Reuter): A top US State Department official has proposed a deal with Ferdinand Marcos in which the former Philippine President would forfeit hundreds of millions of dollars to avoid an indictment here on fraud charges, a Philippine official said.

Attorney Severina Rivera, general counsel for Manila's campaign to recover billions of dollars it accuses Marcos of stealing from his country, told Reuters that legal adviser Abraham Sofera cabled the proposal to other US officials.

Instead of being formally indicted on charges related to his ownership of several New York City buildings, Marcos would be allowed to make a plea to the court on the basis of information presented by the US attorney, she said.

Rivera would not elaborate on the details of any possible plea bargain, but often such an arrangement involves pleading guilty to reduced charges or undertaking certain actions in exchange for having charges dropped.

Rivera said her government would prefer a formal indictment and a public trial for Marcos, exiled in Hawaii since he fled the country in 1986 after a peaceful revolution brought Mrs Aquino to power.

Chinese party expels 25,000 members

BEIJING, Oct 12, (AP): China's Communist Party expelled 25,249 of its members last year, with more than a third of those removed from the party accused of committing economic crimes.

The official party newspaper People's Daily said today that 37 senior party officials were among those expelled, showing "no special party members are allowed to place themselves above the party's discipline."

The rundown on expulsions came amid a major propaganda drive against pandemic official corruption, now rated along with inflation as one of the most serious threats to the nation's economic health and stability.

It said those expelled were among 150,000 party members punished last year for various disciplinary violations. The ruling party has 48 million members.

The report said 8,724 of those who lost party membership were involved in economic crimes, with 4,819 involved in embezzling, 1,563 in bribery and 1,350 in theft. Others were caught swindling or making illegal profits.

Zahir Shah invited to Kabul for talks

KABUL, Oct 12, (Reuter): Afghan Prime Minister Mohammad Hassan Sharq today invited former King Zahir Shah and other exiled leaders to meet him for talks aimed at ending a bitter war with mujahedeen rebels.

"Through you I would like to make this offer," Sharq told Western journalists.

Sharq said he, as the younger man, was willing to follow Afghan custom and travel to see Zahir Shah who lives in Rome.

The former monarch is widely regarded in Afghanistan and among refugees as one figure who could bring the country's warring factions together, although diplomatic sources said some rebel factions were opposed to him.

"As for those younger than me, I ask them to come to Afghanistan," he said.

Partner

Sharq, who became prime minister in May, was prominent in a 1973 coup that overthrew the king and is regarded by the rebels as too close to Moscow to be an acceptable negotiating partner.

He presides over a 31-member cabinet, only 13 of whose mini-

sters belong to the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA) backed by Moscow.

Sharq, who described his government as a bridge between the party and the rebels who have fought Kabul from bases in Pakistan since 100,000 Soviet troops intervened in December 1979.

Since then, hundreds of thousands of people have been killed and many fled into exile in Pakistan and Iran.

Rejection

Sharq said his government's reason for inviting Zahir Shah was to negotiate peace. Western diplomats said this new theme aimed at making Kabul appear reasonable and the rebels intransigent.

"Anybody who will contribute to national reconciliation, I will be at his service," Sharq added. "I will be ready to talk, even to resign so they can take over."

The mujahedeen leadership in the northwest Pakistani city of Peshawar has rejected all PDPA peace proposals to join the new government.

Western diplomats in Kabul say they doubt a political solution to the war can be found. Some believe the PDPA would be willing to see a military stalemate which would leave it in control of Kabul and other major cities.

The last Soviet troops are due to leave Afghanistan by Feb 15 under accords signed in Geneva in April.

Sharq declined to say if any new peace offer would be made to the rebels, saying everything was negotiable. "Unfortunately the people have lost their confidence in the PDPA," he said.

"I think the best alternative is to sit at the negotiating table to pave the way for the people of Afghanistan to determine their future by themselves."

Sharq, sounding another Kabul theme, said US arms supplies through Pakistan to continue the war going on despite the departure of Soviet troops.

Kabul is mounting a big campaign to insist it wants an end to the war which has cost hundreds of thousands of lives and made millions refugees.

There is considerable speculation among Western diplomats about what the PDPA actually want.

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Police open fire on demonstrators

One killed in Sri Lanka violence

COLOMBO, Oct 12. (Agencies): A male high school student was killed today when police fired bullets and tear gas to disperse anti-government demonstrators in the central Sri Lankan city Kandy, police and military sources said.

"We got a report about one student being killed during a big confrontation with the police," said an officer in Colombo.

Military sources said a curfew might be imposed in Kandy, a cool, picturesque highland city popular among tourists.

Military sources said they had reports of widespread unrest in most of the eastern provinces. They did not give details.

The government on Tuesday ordered 115 schools to close indefinitely because of student

unrest, security sources said.

All 10,000 schools on the island were closed on Monday and Tuesday after the Marxist People's Liberation Front called a strike to protest against an India-Sri Lanka pact.

Curfew

At least 15 people have been killed this week by police enforcing a curfew in a southern district, authorities said today.

Officers at the military command said five people were killed on Monday in the town of Gaddara, in the Matara district, when Sinhalese demonstrators attacked a police station during a strike to protest the government's attempts to win over Tamil rebels.

An indefinite curfew was imposed in the Sinhalese-domi-

nated district after the incident, and police were ordered to shoot violators.

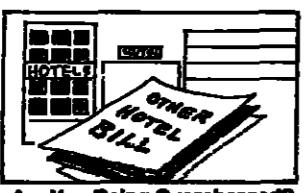
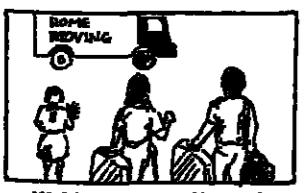
At least 10 people, including two women, were killed and 36 others injured when police fired at demonstrators defying the prohibitory orders, said the officers.

Monday's strike was called by the People's Liberation Front, a radical Sinhalese group, which has opposed the July 1987 peace accord aimed at ending the 5-year-old war by Tamil militants.

The separatist war has claimed at least 8,500 lives.

The accord was sponsored by India, which got involved in the ethnic problems of its southern neighbour because of the sympathies of its own 60 million Tamils to the rebel cause.

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Tankers to fly Kuwaiti flag, report says

LONDON, Oct 12, (KUNA): A specialised shipping newspaper reported today that six Kuwaiti tankers will sail under the Kuwaiti flag after less than a year under Liberian registry.

Lloyd's List newspaper said that Kuwait Oil Tanker Co. (KOTC) has started procedures to "reassess" the ships to be the Kuwaiti flag during the next two months.

KOTC introduced its reregistration programme last year during a flare-up of the Iran-Iraq war, the daily recalled.

The company transferred 14 ships to the US and Bermudian registers and these vessels consequently became eligible for naval protection by the US and the UK patrols in the Gulf.

Lloyd's pointed out that the subsequent allocation of six products tankers to the Liberian flag was probably motivated by "commercial consideration."

In addition, the paper noted that KOTC's newly-commisioned 35,000 tonne products tanker, Al Kuwaitiah, on Sept 20, is now being operated under the national flag as will the other vessels in the company's new building programme.

Demand for Saudi produce increases

RIYADH, Oct 12, (KUNA): Demand for Saudi agricultural produce is steadily increasing, according to a statement today by the Saudi Ministry of Agriculture and Water.

Latest figures compiled during the last two months indicated that 415,287 tons of wheat were exported to 11 countries namely: China 107,524; Jordan, 100,000; Portugal, 47,000; Kenya, 42,000; Kuwait, 31,900; Indonesia, 27,000; Malaysia, 22,000; Bahrain, 11,600; Malta, 11,263; Sudan, 10,000 and Italy 5,000 tons.

The kingdom exported more than 625 tons of vegetables to Britain, France, Belgium, Germany and Switzerland.

Kuwait studying crop production with solar energy

By Jadranka Porter

KUWAIT is studying the technical feasibility of producing crops in arid climate conditions by tapping natural energy and low-grade water resources.

The five-year research project, which involves three greenhouses in Sulaihiya, relies on greater use of brackish and sea water and on solar energy to be used in water cooling and desalination.

The research is being funded and conducted jointly by Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) and the University of Hohenheim, the Federal Republic of Germany.

Although the cost of tapping solar energy is still largely prohibitive, the researchers are hoping to provide answers to some problems encountered by greenhouse crop cultivators in Kuwait.

Devising

The researchers are working on solving problems related to cooling systems. If they are successful farmers in Kuwait will be able to use their greenhouses all year round. Greenhouses are now used when the climate is more temperate than in summer.

The researchers are also examining ways of reducing the consumption of fresh water for irrigation and are devising means to cut down the amount of water used for cooling. Greenhouses in Kuwait use twice as much water for cooling than they do for irrigation, a KISR scientist said.

The research is also expected to provide information needed for an economic feasibility study. The researchers do not expect that solar energy greenhouses will be widely used unless there is a scientific breakthrough that will make photovoltaics, the process of turning the solar

energy into electricity, cheaper. There have been reports that scientists in the West are on the verge of such a breakthrough.

The research is also expected to provide a wealth of information on solar radiation, temperatures and humidity and will offer realistic estimates of water and electricity consumption.

The information will help researchers devise cost-effective systems for greenhouse food production.

The project has already yielded positive results. The first crop of tomatoes planted in July was harvested in mid-September.

"No one has ever planted tomatoes in Kuwait in July," said the KISR researcher.

The planting of tomatoes was part of the first stage of the project which also included the construction of three greenhouses, completed in May. The three greenhouses differ in cover material, cooling systems and shading devices.

Modifications

This was done to allow an assessment of optimal conditions for greenhouse crop cultivation and to determine the rate of water and energy consumption.

In the second phase, scientists will introduce technical modifications to the final design of air-cooling and air-distribution systems. It is in this stage that the scientists will concentrate on research and development of desalination using the solar energy.

In the final stage one of the greenhouses will be connected to the photovoltaic system. Solar energy will be used to desalinate water for irrigation of plants in that greenhouse.

To prove the feasibility of the project the scientists plan to cultivate crops in the solar energy powered greenhouse for a year.

Jarallah awarded UN Peace Medal



Sabah Alawi, UNICEF's regional representative (left), and Ahmad Mosa Rizq, head of the Information Bureau at UNICEF's regional office, meet with Ahmed Al Jarallah, (centre) editor-in-chief of Al Seyassah and the Arab Times.

UNICEF has awarded the UN Peace Medal to Ahmed Al Jarallah, editor-in-chief of Al Seyassah and the Arab Times.

The award was presented in recognition of Al Jarallah's support towards the activities and programmes of UNICEF.

Al Jarallah received his office in Al Seyassah Monday evening Sabah Alawi, regional representative of UNICEF and

Ahmad Mosa Rizq the head of the Information Bureau at UNICEF's regional office.

Discussions at the meeting focused on the organisation's efforts to upgrade child care techniques in the Gulf region in particular and in the Arab world in general. Preparations for the Second International Year of the Child next year were also discussed.

Kuwait imports 90 per cent of its food

DR MOHAMMAD Hasan Al Attar, head of the Food Resources Department at the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) said that 90 per cent of Kuwait's food is imported.

Speaking at a press conference at the institute in Shuwaikh on Tuesday to mark the approach of the GCC Agricultural Research Network Symposium, Al Attar said that this issue requires urgent reconsideration.

The forthcoming symposium, is to be held on Monday under the patronage of the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed. It will be sponsored by KISR in co-operation with the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences and the GCC organisation, the official said.

Bangladesh flood relief committee meeting

AS DECIDED earlier a meeting of the Bangladesh Flood Relief Co-ordination Committee will be held on Friday Oct 14, 1988 at 6 pm at the premises of the Bangladesh Embassy (House No. 181, Block No. 11, Jabra).

Ambassador of Bangladesh will preside over the meeting.

Members of the Bangladesh Flood Relief Co-ordination Committee are requested to kindly attend the meeting.

The symposium will deal with the need to respond actively and scientifically to the recommendations adopted at the Agricultural Research Priorities and Food Security Symposium held in Damascus in March 1987. The symposium stressed the need to foster relations between agricultural researchers and research centres in the countries of the region within the framework of a predetermined plan.

Al Attar said that the high rates in agricultural imports registered in GCC countries are due to a lack of co-ordination and co-operation, the duplication of efforts in the agricultural spheres, the absence of a central agency to handle research data input and dissemination among various agricultural centres. He also cited the lack of agricultural research data exchange between the GCC states as well as the need to identify the agricultural research priorities and requirements in the region.

Kerala Islahi Centre elects committee

THE following were elected as members of the committee of the Kerala Islahi Centre: M.T. Mohammed, president; K.T. Beera Koya, vice-president; T.C. Abdulla Kutty, general secretary; I.A. Abobacker, secretary; S. Madani, secretary; K.P. Abdulla Koya, treasurer; P.N. Abu Lathief Madani, organizer; P.K. Mohamed Kutty, Advisory Board chairman; V. Abdussalam, auditor; K.T. Beera Koya, arts and literary in-charge; K.P. Abdulla Koya, publicity of the publication in-charge.

A police and security force immediately began investigations which resulted in the arrest of more than 15 persons from their hideouts near the touristic hill and Blajat Road.

Gulf exports seminar slated

MANAMA, Oct 12, (GNA): A seminar on developing Gulf exports will be held in Bahrain on Nov 27 and 28 under the patronage of Bahrain's Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa.

The seminar will be organised by the Secretariat of the GCC, the Union of Arab Gulf Chamber of Commerce and the Bahraini Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The aim of the meeting is to study the obstacles Gulf countries face in developing their exports, especially competition from foreign exports and marketing problems.

A number of papers will be discussed during the two-day seminar. A paper by the Secretariat of the GCC on the

effects of the GCC Unified Economic Agreement on the commercial exchange and exports of foreign countries will be presented.

The paper will explain policies and procedures adopted by the GCC states to carry out the agreement. It will also focus on the importance of commercial exchange between GCC states and problems that confront it.

Chambers

The Gulf Organisation for Industrial Consultations will submit a working paper on the role of measurements in developing the Gulf exports and in improving the quality of Gulf national products.

Representatives of ministries of Commerce, Agriculture, Finance, Planning and Communications of the Gulf states and relevant authorities and businessmen in the region will participate in the seminar.

Grocers shocked by council decision

THE decision by the Council of Ministers to close groceries in private housing areas has come as a shock to grocery owners.

A number of these owners have called on the authorities to provide them adequate time after the expiry of the deadline at the end of this month to clear their stocks. Further, they said that since their groceries were their only source of income, alternate jobs should be made available to them after they close their stores.

One store owner, Madoud Naji, claimed that he needs at least six months to clear his goods and repay his debts. He added that as co-operatives are far from houses, people living in private housing areas prefer to buy from the local groceries. Moving to other areas is not

feasible due to high rents, another owner said.

Some citizens in private housing areas have objected to the decision to close groceries in their areas. They added that co-operatives should offer substitute services instead of those offered by groceries. Consumers have not complained against groceries and the prices are similar to those at co-operatives, they said.

The Union of Co-operative Societies called on local co-operatives to discuss needs of housing areas after the groceries were closed. It also called for the opening of branches in different places round-the-clock and to develop their services at the beginning of next month.

Unity in foreign investments urged

ABU DHABI: Speaking at an economic symposium sponsored by the UAE banks, Naser Al Nuwai, undersecretary at the Ministry of Finance and Industry and director general of the Abu Dhabi Fund for Arab Economic Development, said that it is high time that Arab Gulf states operate as one group and co-ordinate their foreign investments.

Such co-ordination would lead to effective solutions to the problems besetting foreign investments, the official added.

Wrong

He added that Britain does not have any long-term policy for its financial market. This would put off Gulf investors and make them more selective and careful in dealing with foreign investment opportunities in the future, Al Nuwai said.

He expressed hope that a satisfactory settlement will be reached in the wake of the British decision to order Kuwait to reduce its shares in British Petroleum (BP).

On the same subject, the director of the Shares and Bonds Department at Abu Dhabi

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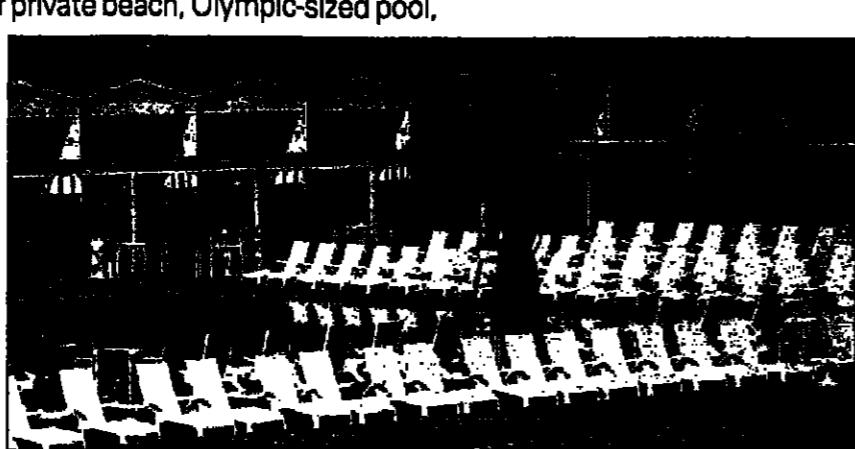
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Riccardo's Pasta Disasta



Table Talk

BY DINAH

ANXIOUS to taste again some of Italy's many culinary delights and upon the recommendations of many a satisfied customer, I bent my steps in the direction of the Sheraton's Riccardo restaurant. The lively, bustling atmosphere which greeted us was most promising and certainly made a change from the usual sobriety of up-market establishments. It soon became evident, however, that the noise and frenzied activity would be about the closest we were going to get to capturing the Italian mood. The juxtaposition of marble, wood paneling and a distinctly twentieth-century carpet rendered the decor neither here nor there and even the Franco-Italian singing duo, charming though they were, did little to enhance the affair, since numbers like 'The Green Grass of Home' are by no stretch of the imagination suggestive of Tuscan landscapes. I felt I could have been anywhere.

The service was brisk. Very. This, on top of the general frenetic buzz of the place, was almost enough to have me reaching for the indigestion tablets before I even started eating! I felt rushed and uncomfortable. I sensed an air of resigned tedium in the way the food was actually served, kind of let-it-over-with attitude which I found unsettling.

We decided to go the whole hog and so ordered the Antipasto Magro Assortito to start, which despite its fine ingredients was somewhat pricey at KD 2.50, or was it something to do with the fact that it was served, as stated in the menu, on a silver tray? It was, nevertheless, an excellent assortment of items, which included artichoke, asparagus, courgette, avocado, celery, shrimp, slivers of smoked salmon, strips of chicken and mozzarella cheese. There was a good selection of breads to accompany it, but I was rather disappointed not to find the

customary grissini, or bread sticks, on the table.

Being something of a friend for cream sauces, I went for the Tagliolini al Salmone, one of the chef's specialties as my pasta course. Unfortunately, I felt that the salmon (what little there was of it) was overwhelmed by the cream and demanded the use of a finer pasta than the ribbon-like tagliolini. The whole thing made for a bland, heavy dish. My guest's choice of Lasagne al Forno was frankly not much better. Served in a Pyrex dish (odd that there was no mention of the fact in the menu!), this usually delicious combination of meat ragout, pasta and white sauce was devoid of piquancy and was further spoiled by the extremely chewy green lasagne.

Hard and indigestible is not quite what is meant by 'al dente.'

The absence of real Parmesan cheese was yet another disappointment. The service course would perhaps compensate for the 'pasta disasta,' but the Piccata de Vitello a Piacere proved to be rather unequal to the task. My veal was cooked in a mushroom sauce and my guest's in lemon, though not much of either found its way from the serving dish to the plate. The meat was not bad, but a little juicing up would not have gone amiss.

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Bengali Play: OCT 27/28: 6.30 pm, Mousetrap Theatre. The Mouchak Group, a Bangladeshi theatre company, presents 'Balav Purer Rupkatha,' a fairy tale. For reservations phone A. Karim — 2627643; Dr. Hyder — 5625456; Heron — 4893424.

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Beat Show: OCT 14: IAC, Funaietes, 3.30 pm: The Kuwaiti Goan Beat Show; four hours of non-stop music featuring six brass bands — City Limits, 5th Dimensions, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones, Next of Kin and Top Rank choreography by Nasch and Qaribat; breakdance by Fernandes Boys. Kuwait Goans production. For details phone 2413348.

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10.15 Al Saif Al Mafqoud: serial for children starring Abdul Aziz Al Haddad, Ahmed Al Hazeem, Ali Al Mufid, and Awatef Mohammed
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11.15 Friday prayer
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1.00 News
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2.30 Religious talk

3.30 Hindi feature film

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7.00 Kuwait in a week

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9.00 News

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9.50 Jack Thompson, Down Under: searching for gold in Australian waters, fishing tuna and studying wildlife

10.30 Diamonds

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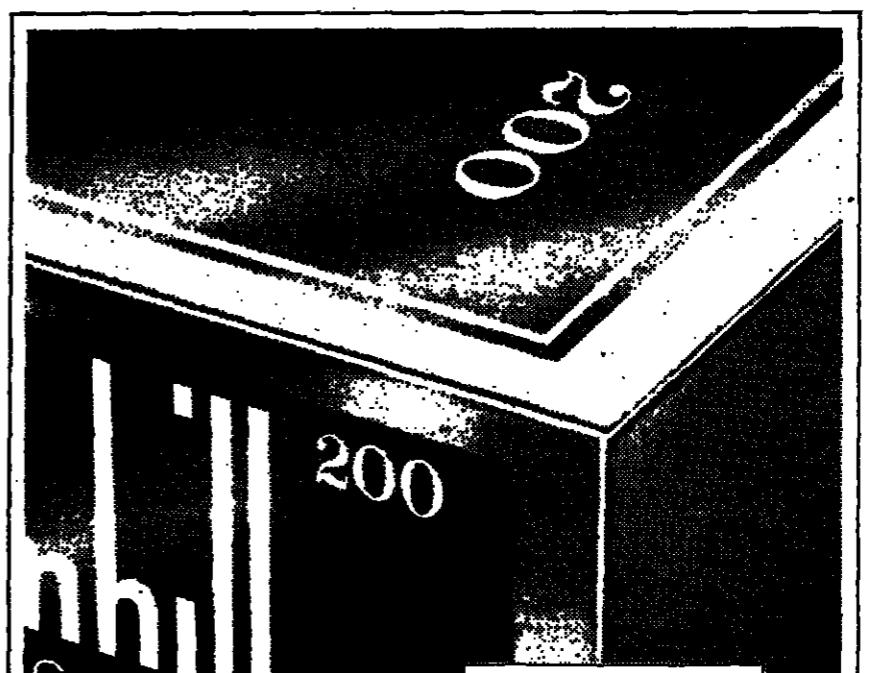
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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

INDIVIDUALS may form committees, but it is institutions alone that create a nation — Benjamin Disraeli, English statesman (1804-1881).

Israeli elections

Likud portrays itself as peacemaker

By Joel Greenberg

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM: A flight of doves seemed an unlikely backdrop for an election advertisement by Israel's right-wing Likud. But it was there, splashed across two full pages of national newspapers.

Likud, fighting critics who accuse it of political intrusiveness, is selling itself as the only party that can make peace.

Likud's rival in the Nov. 1 national elections, the centrist Labour party, is combatting charges that it has a weak and vacillating policy. It is trying to project solid credibility, billing itself as the party which will show "the way to a breakthrough" toward peace and security.

In Israel, voters cast their ballot for a party, not a candidate. The proportion of the total vote that a party receives determines how many candidates on its party "list" win seats in the Knesset, or parliament, and indirectly determines who becomes prime minister.

Early polls have shown that the two coalition partners in Israel's "national unity government" are neck and neck.

The Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories has made the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip the central election issue. To gain the advantage, each party is playing on voters' fears:

Likud warns that withdrawal from the occupied Gaza Strip and parts of the West Bank, as advocated by the Labour party, will leave those territories to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), threatening Israel's existence.

Time bomb

Labour argues that Likud's formula for retaining the occupied territories, with 1.4 million disenfranchised Palestinians, is "a demographic timebomb" threatening Israel's Jewish and democratic character. The reasoning goes thus: If Israel rules those Arabs without giving them full citizenship, it won't be a democracy. If it grants them citizenship, they will within years outnumber Jewish citizens, ending Israel's Jewish nature.

The appeals are aimed at what is known here as "the floating vote" — that group of Israelis which, according to the polls, has yet to make up their minds between the two major parties.

A survey published by the

Deng threatens to dismiss officials

By Jane McCartney

BEIJING, (UPI) — Mao Tse-Tung's greatest feat was to unify China under communist rule. But his achievement may be coming apart as provincial leaders use Deng Xiaoping's liberal reform programme to create their own local fiefdoms.

So acute are Communist Party fears that the country may be disintegrating gradually into a collection of local spheres of influence, the 84-year-old Deng has threatened to dismiss regional officials who ignore central directives.

"The Central Committee has assigned power, but it can also take back that power," Chinese sources quoted Deng as warning in a major speech to provincial party secretaries at a crucial working conference last month.

The Central Committee publicly demanded obedience from its 48 million members, reminding them "the party's role as the core of the leadership and party discipline must be stressed, local interests must be subordinated to those of the whole."

Reform

The warning came as the party slammed the brakes on a reform programme that has reduced dependence on rigid central planning while granting provinces the right to draw up budgets, control bank lending and obtain foreign investment for local projects.

The results have included a disorganized monetary policy, rampant black marketeering, the worst inflation under communist rule and nationwide corruption by officials who are exploiting an economy trapped between central planning and market freedom.

India's nuclear programme

SIR: The Press and Cultural Attache of the Pakistan Embassy has through your columns (AT Sept 29, 1983) made some unwarranted comments about India's nuclear programme and the situation in Punjab.

In order to set the record straight I might point out that while India has made much progress in nuclear technology it is commonly acknowledged that its nuclear programme is entirely peaceful in nature. The same cannot be said of Pakistan's nuclear programme and it is well known that Pakistan on its part has been single-minded pursuing a clandestine weapons oriented nuclear programme.

Pakistan's proposals to us on the nuclear issue are essentially propagandist in nature and cannot be taken seriously in the context of its relentless quest for nuclear weapons. Given the global reach of nuclear weapons, this issue cannot possibly be handled in a narrow bilateral or regional context as has been attempted by Pakistan.

As regards the situation in Punjab, it is absurd to contend that the Government of India encouraged Sikh extremists or that the Sikh community has been alienated due to the eviction of extremist and criminal elements from the Golden Temple. The problem in Punjab is the handiwork of a relatively small number of terrorists who are being aided and abetted by outside forces.

Detailed evidence in regard to Pakistan's involvement in terrorist activities directed against India has been handed over by us to the government of Pakistan.

Atish Sinha,
Charge d'Affaires,
Embassy of India,
Kuwait

EDITOR'S NOTE: Correspondence on this subject is closed.

Drastic changes

SIR: I was happy to read in the Arab Times the views of two parents who were distressed about the change of uniforms in the New Indian School, Jibraya.

Children of Std XII, who will be in the school for just a few months, are also asked to have new uniforms. Another problem is, the school now charges KD3 for the diary instead of KD1 charged previously, and the science journal costs KD6 which is exorbitant.

W. D'Cunha,
(A distressed parent)
Hawaii.

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CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

Special to the Arab Times

Sympathetic portrait of Indian 'godfather' in Feroz Khan's 'Dayavan'

Attaching showbiz glamour to criminals

By
Firoze Rangoonwalla

THERE is something so fascinating in the life of a criminal and his rags-to-riches story that film-makers keep returning again and again to that source for their subject material.

The most glamorous symbols of crime in contemporary society are the smugglers. People talk about them in hushed tones and with an admiration that cannot often be suppressed. They are made out to be like modern day Robin Hoods, robbing the rich, to pay the poor with a little bit for themselves as well. Their daring deeds are often painted as legendary on the screen.

The most recent and also the most talked-about case is Feroz Khan's 'Dayavan,' which is a remake of the Tamil original 'Nayakan.' It is said to be a dramatised account of the life and times of Vardharajan, who rose from very poor conditions to become a powerful 'Don' in Madras and Bombay.

He was reported to be kind-hearted to the have-nots, so



Feroz Khan and Vinod Khanna (right) in a scene from Dayavan. Feroz had an entire 'slum' created for the film.

much so that the underdogs and slum dwellers almost worshipped him. When he died

recently, there was great sorrow and some areas of both cities were shut down forcibly as a mark of respect.

The story of 'Nayakan' and the superb performance of Kamalahaasan were so attractive that the film became a big hit all over the South. It was acclaimed by critics and even sent for an Oscar nomination.

Impressed by all this, Feroz Khan put off his plan for the multi-star 'Yalghar' and bought the rights of 'Nayakan.' As he wanted to make this a saleable project, he cast it with his partner Vinod Khanna, who was very eager to do the central role. Vinod however is not perfectly suited to the character, or willing to make the sacrifices which the role demands, like getting his head clean shaven, in the manner of Kamalahaasan.

Nevertheless, Vinod gave a whole lot of shooting dates to Feroz, even at the cost of other

producers and 'Dayavan' was completed in the record time of seven months. For the supporting cast, Feroz has chosen smaller stars like Madhuri Dixit, Amala, Anuradha, Aditya Pancholi and Alok Nath. For himself, Feroz reserved the role of the Muslim friend, whose family shelters Vinod in the early difficult days of his career. In this manner, the angle of communal integration is taken care of, and both sections of the audience can identify with the film. Amrish Puri is the bald-headed policeman who pursues Vinod relentlessly.

Feroz acted wisely by putting up big sets in Madras and continuously shooting there. The simple regional star Kamalahaasan would often come on a bicycle and watch the shooting. Perhaps, he was laughing up his sleeves, watching Vinod trying to imitate him and failing to reach that level of realism.

The big set of the "basti" or shanty town was built over five acres of land and it stood there for several months, while the stars kept coming as per their shooting schedules.

One big problem was getting an adequate supply of water for the 'rainy' effect on screen. Madras has been suffering from an acute water shortage with residents getting their water supply once in every two or three days. But Feroz was undaunted. He spent heavily on getting water in special tankers. Even some fire brigades were on hand to pump out water if necessary! A big pool of stagnant water was made so realistic, that it began to stink! Amrish Puri was supposed to wallow in it, for his death scene. Unit hands poured detergent and perfumes in vain, but fortunately Amrish arrived and performed without a fuss.

Crowd scenes with dozens of junior artistes were also filmed on the slum set. Keeping the area continuously in a 'bad' condition entailed the work of many skilled hands and cost the producer quite a packet.

The film story has added a lot of fiction to the life of Vardharajan Mudaliar and has made him out to be some kind of a messiah of the poor. Right from childhood, he veers between good and bad, right and wrong. His father, a mill worker gets involved in trade



Vinod as the Mafia 'Don' in Dayavan fraternises with the slum dwellers. Water was a problem

in Madras but producer Feroz Khan spent a fortune getting it in tanks and fire brigades.

Questions are also being raised whether films that glorify smugglers and anti-socials are desirable for the people, especially when the 'Adults only' certificate has lost its meaning with films being freely seen by all on video.

Earlier, Amitabh Bachchan had done 'Deewar,' loosely based on the life of a former smuggler which garnered a lot of sympathy. Vinod Khanna does not have that kind of charm and is liked only as a macho hero. Still, such films brainwash people into believing that the 'mafia Dons' are the real saviours, while the keepers of law and justice are the enemies. The long-term consequences of this can be really dangerous.

One day when the Muslim guardian also gets killed by a police inspector, the hero finishes off this policeman. Then he tries to compensate the cop's widow, who has a lunatic son. Now he takes to smuggling and other crimes in a big way but also keeps helping the poor by exerting his influence as a sort of 'god father.' He uplifts a girl (Madhuri) who is driven by adversity and marries her. They grow up as friends and learn the same business.

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Behind the screen

The sad news about Raakhee is that she has started drinking heavily. Frustration in her career and family life seem to be the cause. Failure to achieve acting glory and awards, or a patch-up with Gulzar remained beyond her. So she has opted to follow the foot-steps of Meena Kumari, without even having a Pakiza on the horizon. The only actor who provides some solace to her is Anupam Kher.

Is Parveen Babi dead? Unconfirmed reports say that someone matching her description was found murdered in Buffalo, USA with the face mutilated. Others say that she is happily married in Atlanta. With rapid communication in the modern age, cannot such things be checked out correctly? Or is the mystery being kept up deliberately for her return?

The rivalry between Sonam and Mandakini has taken a silly turn. It seems that Mandakini's brother Bhanu (false name) was the boyfriend of Sonam before she became a star, and wants to include his former girlfriend in his fathers production 'Naamcheen.'

Govinda is always very nervous when foreign visitors come on the sets and want to chat with him about his Western dancing. After a little "yes," "sure," "fine," the poor boy falls back on his secretary. What Govinda really needs is a permanent interpreter, for English.



Raakhee: drowning her sorrows in alcohol

Why did Rekha agree to go ugly and simple in the first half of "Khoon Bharat Maang?"

Because Shabana Azmi has done the same and won big awards.



Mandakini and Sonam: still clawing each other

ANDY CAPP



By Smith

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HUMOUR

KEN EDWARDS' stage act is really creepy and it's hardly likely anyone will ever try to copy it. For Ken's assistants are dozens of live wild rats that he catches in the local sewers.

And he entertains his audiences by stuffing the rodents down the front of the fishnet tights he wears during his act!

His record so far is to have worn 47 of them.

"I always clean up the rats in my bath before using them though," reveals Ken, from Manchester, UK.

Some people will do anything to get into the record books. It was kissing a pig that brought fame to Sergie Kelnikov at Omak, USSR, in 1981. For 23 minutes and 14 seconds, he kissed at the rate of 50 times a minute. It's a record that hasn't been beaten since.

Frenchman Michel Lotito uses the stage name Konseur Mangetout (Mr Eat all), which is very apt considering his amazing gastronomic achievements.

In recent years, Michel has astounded friends and doctors by eating:

- Eight bicycles — one of them in the record time of 10 days.
- Seven TV sets.
- Eighty feet of steel chain.
- A supermarket trolley in the record time of four-and-a-half days.
- A complete Cessna light airplane.
- A six-and-a-half foot by three foot wooden coffin.

The metal was all ground and cut into filings and the other materials, such as rubber, plastic, fabric and wood, were chopped up and boiled before being swallowed.

Says Mike Barwell in his fascinating new book about such feats: "Unless you have a lead-lined stomach and the constitution of a Sherman tank, don't attempt to beat these records!"

Some of the most remarkable achievements he lists took place at "The Alternative Olympics," held in Hull, Humberside, on August 31, 1986. It was there, for instance, that Kevin Harris and Phil Clarke set a new world record for the one-mile pantomime cow race with a time of 7 minutes and 39 seconds.

And in another mucky one-mile race, competitors had to wear custard-filled boots. Gary Spring squelched first past the post in 5 minutes 21 seconds.

Eating 500 pears with the aid of a cocktail stick brought David Eulford a world record. He managed it in ten minutes and 35 seconds.

They did not have a house-carrying event at Hull though. When one of those was held at a similar event in Canton, North Carolina, USA, a team of athletes and a combined team of body-builders and weight-lifters competed against each other.

Says Mike Barwell: "Each team had to lift and carry a 55 foot by 25 foot house, weighing 34,000 lbs. The winners were the body-builders and weight-lifters who covered the 50 yard course in just over one minute."

Some people hold records they would rather not have. Finding the lock of his car door frozen during the winter of 1979, for instance, Peter Rowlands decided to breathe warm air on it in an attempt to thaw it. Unfortunately, his lips brushed against the metal lock and froze fast too.

He was stuck there for a painful 20 minutes before being freed.

And when, on October 21, 1983, a postman delivered a

Anything for a record

If you've done something weird — really weird, that is — there might be a place for you in The Alternative Book Of Records, alongside spaghetti bathers, bog squatters and worm charmers.



Worm charming: each person is given a plot of land three square metres and they must try to bring worms to the surface. The contest is held annually.

12th birthday card to Michael Wheller, of St Albans, Herts. Mr Wheller was hardly overjoyed to receive it. It had been posted on June 6, 1941 — a record delay of 42 years!

The most valuable prize ever offered in a raffle was the 390-acre estate of Mullinger, Eire, worth £1,575,000. The man who organised the raffle was the owner, Barney Gurley, a 44-year-old professional gambler. He sold 9,000 tickets at £175 each, achieving the price.

The owner of the winning ticket was Tony Ray of Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, who shared his prize with five friends when the draw was held in 1984.

Envir

And you would hardly envy the bride involved in the marriage with the greatest age difference between the bride and groom. It happened in 1983, in Chittagong, Bangladesh, when Imam Ali Azam, 104, married 16-year-old Mariam Begum. But although there was an 88-year difference in their ages, it seems that Ali's motives were quite unselfish.

A deeply religious man, he claimed he had married the girl to save her from a poverty-stricken environment in which she was in danger of starving to death.

While on the subject of death, a sexton, Johan Thiens of Aldenburg, Germany, must hold some sort of record. In his 50 years in the job, which ended when he died in 1826, he dug 23,311 graves.

A teddy bear named Mr Whoppit is thought to have travelled faster than any other teddy when he was owned by the late Donald Campbell who held speed records for land and water. Campbell always placed Mr Whoppit under his seat for luck during his attempts. His luck ran out though on June 14, 1967 when his turbo jet engined speedboat, Bluebird K7, crashed at 328 mph.

Campbell's body was never found, but floating with the wreckage was Mr Whoppit.

The bear was recovered and handed to Campbell's family.

One of the strangest events must surely be the World Worm Charming Championships which are held annually at Nantwich, Cheshire. In 1980, Tom Shuttlebottom set a new world record for the contest by successfully charming 511 worms to the surface in the allotted 30 minutes.

Explains Mike Barwell: "Competitors in this extraordinary affair are each given a plot of land, three metres square. They attempt to bring up earthworms by inserting an ordinary kitchen fork into the soil and vibrating it manually.

"As Mr Shuttlebottom demonstrated, it works."

Getting the collecting bug can lead to records, too.

One of the most curious collections must be Anthony J. Spellman's hoard of different types of barbed wire. He has 64 of them to date in his home in Phoenix, Arizona, USA, claimed to be a world record.

Keith Osborne of London is believed to have the biggest collection of British beer labels, having amassed more than 29,000 of them over the years.

It is bricks that have long fascinated Henry Holt of the village of Waterfoot, Lancashire. He has been collecting bricks of all shapes and sizes for more than 21 years and at the last count had 3,454 different British bricks and 88 different foreign ones.

Wonder

His eldest and rarest brick, he says, is Roman and dates from the year 12 BC.

Geoff Weaver of Mold, Wales, is into chimney pots. He has collection of 79 different ones, another record.

You have to wonder if Charles Abbott of Exeter, Devon, wears reinforced gloves when he tends his specialities. Charles is believed to own the largest private collection of cacti in the world. He has a startling 7,479 different varieties of the prickly plants. He pamper them, too. After they have

remained dormant in the greenhouse during the winter, he prepares them for shows by taking them first for a session in the local Turkish bath and then to the hairdresser for a shampoo and trim!

But how, you wonder, does somebody become fascinated by vacuum cleaners? Swiss electronics engineer Peter Frei, 35,

He has been collecting manually-operated vacuum cleaners for four years and already has 98 of them, a world record. He hopes to acquire more of them on his vacuum cleaner hunts in Britain and the USA.

But back to those remarkable feats that some people are always willing to try, regardless of how foolish they make them look. Take bog squatting, a favourite event at the White Horse pub at Bootham, York. Contestants must remain seated on the toilet with trousers and underpants down for as long as they can endure.

It's the landlord of the pub, Frank Cartin, who holds the record for the longest such bog-squat. His session on the loo lasted 4 hours 39 minutes.

The oldest person to join the Brownies, the junior division of the Girl Guides, was Helen Moss of Bicester, Oxfordshire. Helen was 86 when she was admitted into a local Brownie pack in 1983.

Finally, while most of us love the luxury of relaxing in a nice hot bath of scented water, some people seek fame by bathing in rather different things. For Roger Jones of Redditch, Worcestershire, it was a bath of cold porridge. By sitting in it for 80 hours and 36 minutes in 1986, he achieved a record time.

Dis jockey Rob Gordon of Shrewsbury, Shropshire, sat in a bath of spaghetti for an incredible 360 hours. He started on September 21, 1984 and finished on October 6, 1984.

The bath was mounted on a wheeled trolley so that friends could take him out for a breath of fresh air.

★ The 1988 Alternative Book of Records — By Mike Barwell, Grafton, £7.95.

The head counter

"Does he want me to count Hispanics, blacks, Lithuanians and Jehovah's Witnesses as well?"

"He didn't mention them. So just stay with the Jews for the moment."

"I don't like it, H.R."

"What don't you like about it, Fred?"

"Someday I am going to head up the 'George Bush for President' campaign. How is it going to look on my resume if they find out that I was counting Jews for Nixon?"

"You know, H.R., I am not anti-Semitic."

"Of course, you're not. That's why we are giving you the job. Do you think that the boss would ask somebody who didn't like Jews to do this?"

"What am I supposed to say if it leaks out?"

"You say that you were just following orders. A man who works in the White House does not question a directive from the President of the United States of America."

"Why can't you give the job to John Ehrlichman? He's known for carrying out sleazy operations."



"The boss wants you to do it. He considers you the best ethnic head counter in the business."

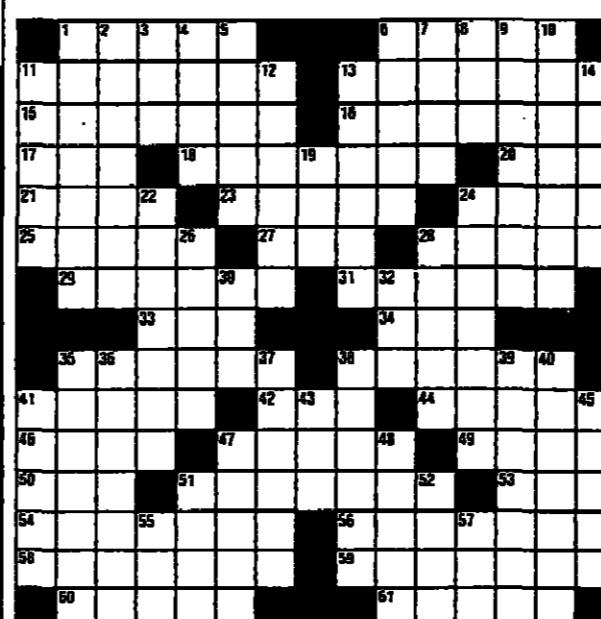
"How do I know that if I count Jews, Nixon won't then ask me to add up Italians, French, Japanese-Americans and Knights of Malta?"

"I don't see that happening in the near future. Look, Fred, you know as well as I do that every once in a while the boss gets all exercised about something going wrong in the government. As far as the BLS is concerned, he honestly believes that they gave him the sword."

"OK, give me the printout of the BLS ... one Jew, two Jews, three Jews ... Hey, H.R., I think I'm getting the hang of it." 1988, Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

"Some people get angry when you dig into the ethnic background or the religious preference of government employees."

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Urchin
- 6 Enfold
- 11 Little Dipper star
- 13 Foul weather wear
- 15 Without urging
- 16 Deletion
- 17 Branch
- 18 Summon
- 20 "The Power of Positive Thinking"
- 21 In knots
- 23 Subdue
- 24 "The — love..."
- 25 Home of a Biblical witch
- 27 Cleaver
- 28 Heaving motion, asea
- 29 Extra charge at the pump
- 31 Where the Alph flows
- 33 Retiring
- 34 Deface
- 35 Religious residence
- 38 Hindu wonder-workers
- 41 Make oneself sleek
- 42 Moray
- 44 One of the Ardens
- 46 Elevate
- 49 Askew
- 50 Everything
- 51 Loser
- 53 Dull, resounding sound
- 54 Snood
- 56 Restrict
- 58 Harmonizes
- 59 Chinese skiffs
- 60 SA wildcats
- 61 Quirky
- 62 Bushmaster, 8.0.
- 63 Scottish seaport
- 64 MDs' group
- 65 High-ranking ecclesiastic
- 66 Truth
- 67 Ferments
- 68 Coquettes
- 69 Dinghy
- 70 Gaunt
- 71 Czech capital, at home
- 72 Conceit
- 73 Songs of praise
- 74 Absconds
- 75 Water nymph
- 76 — Karenina
- 77 Verne character
- 78 Capek play
- 79 College div.

DOWN

- 1 Defendant at Nuremberg
- 2 Public promenade
- 3 Like Carroll's hatter
- 4 Fleur-de-lis
- 5 City SW of Kalamazoo
- 6 "Silent Night," e.g.
- 7 Unreliable one
- 8 Response:
- 9 Eschewed
- 10 Upstart
- 11 Babble
- 12 Sentence structure
- 13 Type of camera
- 14 Lukewarm
- 19 New Jersey Fort
- 22 Personal record
- 24 Humble wind instrument
- 26 Title for an MP

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
PENNY WISE, POUND FOOLISH

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

♦ K 6 3

▽ K 7

◊ K 10 5

♣ 8 6 4 3

WEST

★ Q J 10 9 5

▲ 8 4 2

▼ 3

◊ 9 7 4 2

♦ 8 6 3

♣ J 10 9

EAST

■ 7

▽ A Q J 10 8 4 2

◊ A Q

♦ K 7 5

The bidding:

South West North East

1 V 1 NT 2 ♠

4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♣

East followed a perfectly sound dictum in the defense of this hand, only to discover that he had handed declarer his vulnerable game. South ignored another and landed his contract.

Note that North was quite content to bid no trump over the spade overcall. Normally, this is a forward-going response, showing 8-10 points, although on this specific auction it could be somewhat lighter since North is bidding under spade pressure.

West led the queen of spades, and had South blindly obeyed the tenet of covering an honor with an honor, he would probably have been defeated. East would have won the

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

ACT	VEE	CAW
ROOT	CARLE	COME
COMET	LIFE	AMEN
TO LIFE	DESER	SUET
SPAREMEN	MAPLE	REDAS
PRO	CARA	ABAOS
TONIC	ABAO	ACCESS
POME	NITER	SAWA
NITER	SADA	LETTERED
ANENT	CEDED	RIT
LETTERED	PRATES	OWNER
RAPIDS	EREMITES	ARAL
OLAN	COMESABOUT	EADS
BASE	UNITIS	INRE
ENS	ET	

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Experts to discuss oil strategies for early '90s

LONDON, Oct 12, (KUNA): A number of leading oil ministers and experts from key oil-producing nations will address the ninth major annual conference on "oil and money" to be opened here tomorrow.

The two-day gathering, sponsored by two leading American publications, the International Herald Tribune and the Oil Daily, will discuss the strategies for the early 1990s, especially with the prospect of a permanent peace in the Gulf.

Among the key issues affecting the oil market to be discussed at this year's conference are: will the prices of the 1990s return to the level of late 1970s, and can the West rely on Middle East supplies, in the light of the recent developments in the region, and how will OPEC's role change in the next decade?

Speakers

The list of key speakers includes the UAE Oil Minister, Sheikh Mani Al Otaibi, OPEC's Secretary General, Dr Subroto and the US Energy Secretary, John Herrington.

Furthermore, the delegates comprising senior executives in the petroleum industry will be addressed by more than 25 of the world's leading authorities from international energy, finance and government sectors.

Other issues to be looked at will include the ceasefire in the Gulf, efforts to secure a lasting solution between Iran and Iraq and their likely implications on the oil supplies to the West.

The speakers will also examine pricing and demand, downstream expansions and strategies for the oil majors in the next few years.

Tomorrow's conference comes only few days ahead of the convening of OPEC's joint strategy and pricing committee meeting in Madrid next week to tackle the problem of over-production and methods to achieve stability in the oil market.

Egyptian Islamic depositors seek presidential help

CAIRO, Oct 12, (Reuters): Angry depositors demonstrated outside President Hosni Mubarak's office today demanding the return of their savings from an Egyptian Islamic investment company.

About 200 demonstrators shouted slogans against Al Rayan Investment Company, but left peacefully after leaving a petition at Mubarak's office seeking help in recovering their funds.

More than 300 other demonstrators watched by riot police paraded at Al Rayan offices in the suburb of Giza. They also dispersed without trouble.

Depositors said they had been unable to withdraw funds since the government passed a law in June regulating half-a-dozen such firms estimated to control more than \$2 billion in deposits.

Basics

The companies operate on a risk-sharing basis in which depositors take a percentage of profits or losses. They do not pay fixed interest, banned by Islam.

The new law forced the companies to go public, issue investment deeds to depositors and submit to strict scrutiny by state regulators.

IFC to assist in gas project

LAGOS, Nigeria, Oct 12, (AP): The International Finance Corporation (IFC), a World Bank subsidiary, will help finance a \$900 million effort to extract a gasoline-like product from Nigeria's southern delta.

Sir William Pyne, the corporation's executive vice-president, made the announcement yesterday during talks with the military governor of Akwa Ibom, where the project being built by the American oil company Mobil will be located.

Sir William did not say how much the International Finance Corporation planned to invest in the project.

Project

The project will produce gas condensate, a substance heavier than gas and lighter than oil which can be used in place of gasoline.

Officials said the project could raise Nigeria's oil production level by as much as 250,000 barrels daily which would fall outside production restrictions set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). Condensate is not covered by OPEC's quota rule because it is not produced in the form of crude oil.

Despite weak world oil prices

Canada launches major energy buildup

OTTAWA, Oct 12, (Reuters): Despite weak world oil prices, Canada's petroleum industry is making multi-billion dollar plans to develop three high-risk energy projects.

But oil analysts say these decisions could be a recipe for trouble, adding the ambitious plans might have to be re-examined, perhaps just after a general election set for November 21.

This autumn some of the country's biggest companies helped by some \$4.1 billion in aid from Ottawa, have announced three major projects:

A group led by Mobil Oil Canada Ltd plans to invest \$6.6 billion to develop the long-mothballed 500-million-barrel Hibernia oil field off Newfoundland.

A consortium led by Imperial Oil Ltd, part of the US-based

Exxon Group, will spend \$4.3 billion to develop the Oslo oil sands project in northern Alberta.

— Canada's Husky Oil Ltd, with the federal government as the only other willing investor, plans to spend \$900 million to build a plant on the Alberta-Saskatchewan border to upgrade heavy crude to higher quality grades.

Outlook

The projects have been discussed for some time as a way of offsetting an expected depletion of reserves from the conventional, onshore producing areas in western Canada.

Canada has huge crude pools in hard-to-get-at places. The Far North is estimated to contain a future bounty of more than seven billion barrels, while Alberta's oil sands are estimated to hold 32 billion barrels of recoverable

reserves. But the industry has been reluctant to develop the pools because of the continued uncertain market outlook.

Canada's progressive conservative government, in what critics called blatant electioneering, started the ball rolling by offering grants and loan guarantees to begin the projects.

On the campaign trail in early October, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney said the federal cash infusions were probably the only way to get construction going.

"We accepted that it was difficult in the current price environment for the private sector alone to launch important new mega-projects," he told a business group in Calgary recently.

"We did (provide funding) without apology because we

believe the time to provide for Canada's long-term energy needs and security is now, not when a future emergency is upon us."

The only problem is that the new projects require oil prices well above \$30 a barrel by the mid-1990s when the new sources are scheduled to go into production.

Projects

World crude prices in early October dropped below \$12 a barrel and many forecasters are becoming increasingly bearish on the long-term outlook for the new Canadian projects.

The Canadian Energy Research Institute released a study recently showing the industry could only realistically hope for oil at around \$22 a barrel by the year 2000.

In a blunt assessment, the think-tank, which has both public and private funding, said the outlook did not bode well for the new projects:

"The decision to pre-build production capacity on the expectation of higher prices in the future must be couched in the explicit understanding that project economics may not be realised when the time comes to initiate production."

Independent Calgary oil analyst Ian Doig said eventually the oil companies, despite the generous federal handouts, were going to be forced to reassess the projects, probably sometime after the November 21 election.

"The crunch is going to come and it's not beyond the realm of possibility that these projects will have to be put back on the back burner," Doig told Reuters.

Move to try to improve staff morale

US corporations stress ethics to aid competitiveness

CHICAGO, Oct 12, (Reuters): US big business, which has grappled for much of the 1980s with tightening competition and hostile takeover bids, is putting more emphasis on corporate ethics to try to improve staff morale and overall operations.

Central to this is a view that ethical conduct and profits are interlinked rather than incompatible, several top executives told a conference on corporate ethics here in early October.

Critics of this milieu, including some company executives, have long complained that US business schools have given too little attention to teaching ethics.

David Krueger, whose Chicago-based Centre for Ethics and Corporate Policy sponsored the conference, said the legal and medical professions have self-defined criteria for ethics, but "with business, the criterion is to go make money."

A gag book that appeared in bookstores last year titled "Wall Street Ethics" made a telling commentary when would-be buyers found its pages blank.

A 1986 Gallup opinion poll found the US public ranked Corporate America near the bottom of society's major institutions. Only 28 per cent of those surveyed expressed a good

measure of confidence in big business, a ranking akin to results for such categories as organised labour and television.

By contrast, despite recent television evangelism scandals, the Gallup surveys found confidence — about three-fifths of the public — in categories listed as "churches and organised religion" and the US military."

Unethical

Executives at the conference at a church just south of Chicago's financial district said a firm seen as unethical by employees, customers, suppliers, financiers and the public is courting long-term disaster.

They also argued that a stress on ethics in big business is part of a trend to recapture basic humane values that could build group loyalty. Success is crucial if US companies are to compete against Japanese and Western European rivals in an increasingly globalised economy.

The biggest message from our work is that we recognise there is a problem and are trying to do something about it — and that it's hard," said Andrew

Sigler, chairman of Paper and Forest Products Company Champion International Corp.

Sigler said ethical issues range from whether, or how, to do business in South Africa to employees falsifying timesheets, violation of environmental regulations or questionable "individual actions that wind up losing you business."

Many big US companies, he said in an interview, have found the "old authoritarian style of management doesn't work" and are trying, however slowly, to create new corporate cultures where employees feel management has greater appreciation for their contributions and individual worth.

"What we're trying to do is build up the individual, making him feel like he counts and therefore he participates and does better the things that he ought to do," Sigler said.

Some companies long ago drew up "mission statements" and codes of conduct, while others have done so only recently. But such codes are meaningless unless executives "breathe life

into these values ... and put them into practice," Inland Steel Industries president Robert Darrell said.

Corporations exist to make a profit by serving their customers, he said. But even when the company must make painful decisions on plant closings and staff cuts, they should be carried out with tangible consideration for the impact of employees, families, communities and customers.

While several business leaders said the basis for ethical decision-making for US companies must come from Western society's traditional Judeo-Christian moral teachings, this was not a unanimous view.

John Hay Stookey, chairman of Quantum Chemical Corp., told the 75 participants from the business, religious and academic worlds that "there are no absolutes."

This will become more obvious, he said, as US business leaders find what he called their obvious fundamental truths are not necessarily shared by their counterparts abroad.

Obstacles block growth of pan-Islamic trade, says study

CASABLANCA, Morocco, Oct 12, (Reuters): Trade within the one-billion-strong Islamic world is growing slowly, with geography and other obstacles blocking a faster pace of commerce, an Islamic group says.

Islamic countries still trade more with industrialised countries than they do among themselves, the Casablanca-based Islamic Centre for Trade Development says in its annual report.

Products

Most export earnings are spent on imports of industrial and consumer goods or in paying foreign debts.

Nearly half the ICO members produce oil or natural gas. In other minerals, Gabon ranks second in the world as a producer of manganese and Niger fourth for uranium.

Greece has two-thirds of the world's bauxite reserves and Malaysia and Indonesia are among the 10 main tin and rubber producers.

ICO members are also important producers of iron ore, timber, phosphates, rice, jute, coffee, cocoa, vanilla and cotton.

The report said more than half the trade between Islamic countries involved oil, natural gas and related products. Trade in manufactured products was limited to textiles, cement, fertilisers and steel products.

The Casablanca centre has established a trade information network and drafted a trade preferences agreement to serve the Islamic world and as a protectionism by developed countries.

Since 1979, Islamic trade fairs have been held regularly to overcome handicaps to trade within the Islamic world.

Even though actions which have been so far taken are important and commendable, they remain insufficient in view of the ambitions of the Islamic community and require furthermore a long period of maturation to be fruitful," the centre said.

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around 20 cents at \$12.35 a barrel.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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International Bond Highlights

London — The European Investment Bank is issuing a 200 mn ECU Eurobond due Nov 7, 1995 paying a 7-3/4 pct coupon and priced at 101-5/8 pct, lead manager Swiss Bank Corp International Ltd said. (RTWB 1505)

Frankfurt — Arab Banking Corp BSC of Bahrain is issuing a 150 mn mark Eurobond with a six pct coupon priced at par for five years, lead manager Commerzbank AG said. (RTWB 1354)

Zurich — Japan's Nakasaka Co Ltd is issuing 120 mn Swiss francs in five-year, 4-5/8 pct straight notes priced at par, lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland said. (RTTB 0937)

London — Fletcher Challenge Financial Services Netherlands BV is issuing a 75 mn dir subordinated convertible Eurobond due Nov 22, 1988 with an indicated coupon of eight pct and par pricing, lead manager Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd said. (RTUC 0950)

Zurich — The Kingdom of Belgium is issuing 100 mn Swiss francs in 4-3/8 pct, five-year bullet notes priced at 100-3/4 pct, lead manager Credit Suisse said. (RTUM 1036)

Interest Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	11-11/16	11-7/8 13/16	11-15/16 13/16
FFT	4.80/85	4.85/95	5.05/10
PAR	7-7 1/16	7-1/2 5/8	7-11/16 13/16
ZUR	1-5/8 1-7/8	3-1/8 3-3/8	3-5/8 3-7/8
BIX	6.05	7-1/8 3/16	7-3/16 5/16
RDM	10-1/4 10-3/4	11-1/11 1-1/2	11-1/4 11-5/4
AMS	4.00/75	5.25/35	5.37/47
TOK	3.95/75 4.0000	4.2500 3125	4.3750 4375
ECU	7.00 7.25	7.12 7.25	7.31 7.43

Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6	6-5/16
3 months	6-5/16	6-5/8
6 months	6-5/16	6-11/16
1 year	6-5/16	6-3/4

BOMBAY

PR-CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	68	65	67	NICO	660	650	660
ACC	257	257	265 GRASIM	55	54.50	53.50	MUKAND	107	105	103
ASIA PAINT	195	190	195 GSFC	120	118.50	105	NOCL	815	790	805
BAJAJ AUTO	367.50	365	368.75 HIND LEVER	165	161	162	ORKAY	35	31.50	34
BARAYON	310	305	310 HINDALCO	119	119	118	PFIZER	80	78	80
BOM.DYING	135	138	135 HINDCOCA	111.50	110	110	PRE-AUTO	44	43.50	43.50
B.R. BOND	118	118	117 HINDMOTOR	31	31	30.50	RAYMOND	61	58	59
BSE INDEX	704.80	679.88	IND ORG	42.50	41	42	RELIANCE	198	183	173
CENTURYSPE	1220	1190	1245 INDRAYAN	78	77	77.5	SIEMENS	101	--	--
COLGATE	286.75	282.50	295 INDROL	268.75	257.50	265	SPIC	52	49.50	50
DEPAKRAFT	45	45	43 ITC	60	54	58	STORMLINE	350	335	340
EL.HOTEL	50	50	50 JKSYNTH	84	83	82	ATA PAR	360	--	--
ESKAYEF	140	136.25	137.50 L AND T	138	136.50	134	TATACHEEN	99	96	99.50
ESSAR	25	23.50	23 MAHINDRA	97	97	100.50	TELCO	727.50	717.50	720
GAR. POLY	89	91	90 MASTERSHA	14.75	16.25	16.65	TISCO	942.25	930	941.25
GE.SHIP	37.75	37.75	37.50 MATHER PL	117.50	107.50	116	VOLTAS	440	430	430

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE	KITSUB CP	1160	1150	KITSUB EL	952	973
AGB	187.0	188.0	AJJINOMOTO	2780	2820	KITSUB EST	2390	2370	KITSUB HVY	960	975
ALLIANZ VR	1675.00	1701.00	AKAI ELEC	548	554	KITSUB HVY	960	975	AKDI	950	935
BADENWERK	177.5	179.0	ASAI GLS	1880	1890	KITSUKOSHI	1830	1860	ASAI OPT	610	617
BASF	271.2	275.0	BANK TOKYO	1530	1550	KITCHICOR	1150	1160	BANK TOKYO	1530	1550
BAYER C	301.0	305.8	BRIDGESTON	1270	1240	KINOSH CHNT	870	826	CASTO COMP	1310	1350
BAYER HYP	374.0	381.0	CANON	1330	1400	KINOSH SEC	1660	1610	CHUGAI PHM	1530	1510
BAYER VER	570.0	581.0	DAI NIP CO	901	912	KINOSH SEC	1660	1610	CITIZEN V	824	823
BBC	318.0	322.0	DAI NIP PT	2660	2660	KINOSH SEC	1660	1610	D-1CHI KAN	2950	2900
BHF	425.0	427.0	DAI NIP SC	901	912	KINOSH SEC	1660	1610	DAI NIP TO	647	632
BMW	510.5	516.5	DAI NIP TO	647	632	KINOSH SEC	1660	1610	DANIEL HE 1992	792	780
CONNERZBX	248.0	249.0	DANIEL HE 1992	792	780	KINOSH SEC	1660	1610	DATUM II	1900	1880
CONTI GMM	250.7	252.1	DATUM II	1900	1880	KINOSH SEC	1660	1610	ELPENTA OCM	989	945
DAIMER BEN	699.5	703.5	ELPENTA OCM	989	945	KINOSH SEC	1660	1610	ENRICO SEC	92280	2100
DEUTSC BNK	527.3	538.0	ENRICO SEC	92280	2100	KINOSH SEC	1660	1610	EPSON	868	850
DLY	375.0	382.0	EPSON	868	850	KINOSH SEC	1660	1610	EISAI	1850	1820
DRESDNER B	298.0	299.5	EISAI	1850	1820	KINOSH SEC	1660	1610	FUJI BANK	1510	1580
FAZ INDEX	520.50	525.93	FUJI BANK	1510	1580	KINOSH SEC	1660	1610	FUJI PHOTO	3140	3200
FEUDENHUSKE	270.00	272.50	FUJI PHOTO	3140	3200	KINOSH SEC	1660	1610	FUJI SAHA	1700	1700
FREDSCHNEID	300.50	313.50	FUJI SAHA	1700	1680	KINOSH SEC	1660	1610	FUJITA CP	762	748
HARPER	423.0	419.0	FUJITA CP	762	748	KINOSH SEC	1660	1610	HITACHI	1490	1540
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BUSINESS

Oil prices dip

Dollar tumbles and gold rebounds strongly

LONDON, Oct 12, (Reuters): The dollar fell yesterday against West German mark and Japan's yen in Europe today after a bout of selling in Tokyo started it skidding, dealers said.

Gold rebounded strongly in late afternoon in response to the dollar's weakness. Oil prices, which had rallied on Monday and Tuesday despite a world glut, weakened slightly.

Most European and Asian bourses were mixed to lower as share dealers kept their options open ahead of US trade figures for August, which are due on Thursday (1230 GMT).

Depressed

A bad set of trade numbers for that month issued on October 14 last year depressed the dollar and helped to set off the crash of 87 five days later in which 22.6 per cent of New York share values evaporated on Black Monday.

Wall Street tracked the dollar lower today and at noon New York time the Dow Jones industrial average was 25.96 points down at 2,130.51.

A summer dollar rally had caused concern that US exports were becoming less competitive and that this in turn could hinder efforts to reduce the country's huge trade deficit.

America's burgeoning trade and budget deficits have been

largely to blame for the currency's weakness since late 1985.

Dealers said the dollar's current slide partly reflected a view that the August trade deficit would be wider than forecasts of about \$11 to 12 billion and well above a deficit of \$9.53 billion in July.

"Even if the US trade shortfall is less than current expectations ... and nearly the same as July's \$9.5 billion deficit, the dollar could be sold," said Kikuo Inoue, manager at Bank of Tokyo's foreign exchange division in London.

The dollar closed in London just above its day's lows at 1.8340 West German marks and 128.85 Japanese yen — its first finish below 130 yen since June 23. That compared with 1.8325 marks and 131.05 yen on Tuesday.

Resistance

"New York decided to try to crack resistance at 1.8380 marks," said one currency dealer in Frankfurt. "They managed that and now there's room for the dollar to fall to 1.81."

Gold was fixed in London this afternoon \$406.40 an ounce, little changed from its previous close of \$406.25. But it recovered in late trading and at 1600 GMT it was being quoted at just over \$411.

Dealers said apprehension about this week's economic data was reflected in today's relatively low volume.

BCCI plays unique role in Third World trade expansion

DURING the past 48 hours Bank of Credit and Commerce International has received enquiries from US government agencies and their counterparts in the UK and France into customer accounts held within BCCI. BCCI has complied with all requests and will continue to do so.

One bank officer has been charged from the London branch under section 24 of the drugs trafficking act 1986.

Two officers from the Paris branch have been detained together with three Miami based officers by local authorities.

Allegations have been made of a very serious nature. BCCI has not yet seen the actual allegations which are being made and cannot yet respond to any specific charges.

The bank is wholly unaware of any violation that allegedly has been committed. It would seem, however, that the concerted action by authorities in three countries is part of an international investigation which involves many individuals and institutions. BCCI finds itself involved in a malicious campaign against itself which will have to be unravelled in the courts.

The bank wishes to state categorically that at no time whatsoever has it knowingly been involved in drug traffic related money laundering.

The charge already referred to and any further charges relate to individuals who, to the best of the bank's knowledge, are innocent victims of circumstances.

The management of the bank wishes to state most forcibly that it will do everything in its power to assist the concerned authorities in resolving these serious allegations.

Certain articles have appeared suggesting that 85 people have been detained. To date, only 6 of these are from the BCCI organisation.

BCCI is a \$20 billion institution, operating in 73 countries. It is well known for its concentration of trade related activities. The bank plays an important part in developing Third World trade and has been concerned with Third World issues.

BCCI has a strong belief in the legal processes of the United States of America and is confident of a satisfactory outcome.

Plan to step up oil exploration

BOGOTA, Oct 12, (Reuters): Colombia and Ecuador have agreed to step up oil exploration in promising fields along their border. Colombian Mines and Energy Minister Oscar Mejia said yesterday.

The countries decided to drill two more wells — Frontera-2 and Quillacinga-2 — after talks in Bogota between Colombian officials and Ecuador's Energy Minister, Diego Tamariz.

Frontera-1, on Ecuador's side, gave an initial flow of 11,000 barrels per day (BPD) and Quillacinga-1, on the Colombian side, also proved positive. Colombian officials have said the field was thought to hold at least five billion barrels.

The drilling of two more wells will allow experts to gauge the full size of the oilfield straddling the border.

Kuwait keen to boost economic ties with Bonn

BONN, Oct 12, (KUNA): A ranking Kuwaiti economic delegation today concluded the first stage of its visit here which is aimed at boosting economic and commercial relations with Federal Germany.

Earlier today the delegation, which arrived on Monday, visited a number of West German plants including Klockner, Humboldt and Deutz in Koeln City.

The delegation was invited to a reception ceremony by the chairman of the city's municipality, Norbert Burger before proceeding to West Berlin.

Interest

The delegation is led by president of the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry Abdulaziz Al Saqer including bankers and businessmen.

On Tuesday the delegation

traders predicted the metal, which dipped below \$400 in the last week of September and first week of October, would meet resistance at \$412.50 an ounce.

Oil prices dipped slightly after OPEC announced the venue and date — Madrid on October 20 — of a previously planned joint meeting of its pricing and long-term strategy committees.

British North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded crude on spot market, was quoted late this afternoon at \$12.42 a barrel for December loading against 12.52 on Tuesday.

In London, shares were trading close to the session's lows in late afternoon business, largely responding to a sharp sell-off on Wall Street following a drop in the dollar today, dealers said.

Buyers are absent from the market ahead of August US merchandise trade data due on Thursday and September UK retail sales index and average earnings information on Friday.

"The market is bracing itself for some painful US trade gap news and signs of higher UK inflation," one dealer said, commenting on today's sombre sentiment.

Dealers said apprehension about this week's economic data was reflected in today's relatively low volume.

The continued strength of the pound today again depressed the leading internationals whose products and services become more expensive to overseas consumers, dealers said.

Grand Met was among the few leading shares to resist the general trend and held steady at yesterday's close of 446.

Steady

Allied Lyons shares were steady initially after it said it plans a share swap with Suntory of Japan, together with a joint venture to sell each other's drinks brands.

Allied said Japan is one of the world's largest markets for spirit and demand for imported brands is expected to increase when liquor laws are reformed next year.

The share swap will place 2.5 per cent of Allied's enlarged share capital in Suntory's hands. This together with the joint venture is seen by analysts as improving Allied's defences against a bid. Bid talk has been prominent since Bond Corp increased its stake to 11.08 per cent from seven per cent late last month.

Lonrho again topped the actives list, rising a net 7p to 342 on turnover of 24.4 million shares.

Dealers reported speculation

that Australia's Bond Corp is building a stake in Lonrho with a possible view to acting as a White Knight against US corporate raider Ascher Edelman, who has 4.74 per cent of Lonrho. Recent rumours said Bond Corp has a stake of around two per cent in Lonrho.

Oil explorer Carless eased 4p to 108 and was second in the actives list with a turnover of 12.1 million shares. Carless' £90 million offer for Ryan International was cleared today by Britain's Department of Trade and Industry.

Racial was down 7p to 311 after it announced this morning that shares in its Racial Telecommunications Group (RTG) would be sold at 170p each, the mid-point of Racial's earlier forecast. Dealers said there was some disappointment with the news, as many had been expecting a price near 175p.

British Gas was down a penny at 171, having held steady for most of the session after news it paid £194.5 million for some oil and gas interests owned by Tenneco of the US. The package contains estimated proven and probable reserves of 47 million barrels of oil equivalent, of which 30 per cent is gas. British Gas said it was attracted by the exploration acreage in the package.

LUXEMBOURG, Oct 12, (AP): The European Economic Community (EEC) and 66 developing nations open negotiations today on a renewal of a multi-billion dollar aid and trade accord due to take effect in 1990.

The negotiations are expected to last at least a year, officials said on the eve of the talks. They open against the backdrop of the EEC's plan to forge a single, borderless market within the EEC by 1992.

An issue is the five-year renewal of an accord under which the EEC grants the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) nations duty and quota-free access for virtually all their industrial and farm goods, soft loans for development projects and financial guarantees against drops in commodity export prices.

Accord

The first such five-year accord was signed in Lome, the capital of Togo, in 1975 and the second so-called Lome convention was concluded in 1980.

The third, signed in 1984 and worth 8.5 billion European Currency Units (\$9.5 billion) expires at the end of February

EEC and developing nations open new trade pact talks

1990. The aid comes from the EEC's development fund and is separate from the food aid the EEC grants annually to the developing nations.

The price tag on the fourth accord is open to negotiation but will doubtless exceed that of the current treaty.

The EEC plan for a borderless market has fuelled concern within the ACP nations that the EEC will become less sensitive to the need to support imports from their nations.

Policies

For its part, the EEC will likely insist that ACP nations implement sounder economic policies as outlined by the International Monetary Fund.

The EEC has had special trade links with developing nations for 25 years. But this has not significantly raised the wealth of the recipient nations and today, not one ACP nation figures on the list of newly industrialised nations.

The 12 EEC member states, which were not able to agree on precise offers to make to their ACP associates, adopted a vague

position which allows to open the talks but postpones the problems.

The EEC countries disagree on the future status of the slabex, the system which guarantees the ACP states part of their farm export earnings. Some want it linked to stricter economic policies but others object.

Problem

Another problem is the further trade liberalisation the EEC is ready to grant the ACPs. Spain and Italy fear the increased competition of tropical products for their own Mediterranean production.

But the biggest obstacle seems to be the shape of the future aid the EEC is willing to give. Should it be long-term development funds or emergency assistance, enabling the associates to overcome their debt problems and start some kind of economic revival?

Finally, the question of human rights is likely to rise again. The EEC wants it mentioned in the new convention while the ACP states consider it as interference in their internal affairs.

Authorities vow to find suspected members of drug money ring

TAMPA, Florida, Oct 12, (Agencies): The Bank of Credit and Commerce International, which has been accused of participating in an international drug money-laundering scheme, has 14,000 employees in 400 offices in 72 countries.

BCCI holdings, which reports assets of \$20.6 billion, and two subsidiaries were among the 85 defendants named in federal indictments unsealed yesterday.

"We've got law-enforcement agencies in several countries cooperating with us and we won't give up until we have every one of these people under arrest," US Customs Service spokesman Michael Sheehan said.

Funds

The US branches of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, a Luxembourg-based institution named in money-laundering indictments unsealed here on Tuesday, were allowed to return to normal business after the bank paid \$14 million into a court-supervised escrow account.

to cover possible fines.

A US judge in Tampa had imposed a restraining order preventing the bank from removing its funds and other assets from the United States but he lifted the restriction late on Tuesday when the bank deposited money in the special account.

The bank and the individual defendants are accused of conspiring with big-time cocaine traffickers to disguise the flow of drug proceeds by shuffling it through the international financial system.

Laundering

In a statement issued in London, the bank said it "wishes to state categorically that at no time whatsoever has it knowingly been involved in drug trafficking-related money laundering."

The bank operates branches in 72 countries and was described by prosecutors as the seventh largest privately held financial institution in the world.

If convicted on all charges, the bank — which was founded in 1972 by a Middle Eastern consortium — faces fines of up to \$40 million, prosecutors said.

Private sector plays key role

IFC sets records in investments, says study

NEW YORK, Oct 12, In fiscal 1988, the International Finance Corporation (IFC) approved a record 95 investments totaling nearly \$1.3 billion, an increase of 38 per cent over the previous year, according to the corporation's 1988 annual report, released recently.

Total projects costs for FY88 investments exceeded \$5 billion. "For the second year in a row IFC's net income — \$100.6 million — doubled over the previous year," stated IFC executive vice president, Sir William Ryrie.

IFC, an affiliate of the World Bank, is the largest source of direct project financing for private investment in developing countries.

Climate

Citing a worldwide investment climate in which "a historic change has taken place ... in most developing countries" as governments have come to rely more on private enterprises as an "engine of growth," the IFC report concludes that while 1988 continued to be difficult for many countries, "this new environment offers good prospects for

accelerated and sustainable growth" in developing countries. In announcing the FY88 results, Sir William Ryrie referred to the diversification of IFC's services as an important factor in the corporation's expansion.

Investitures in FY88 included:

- Efforts to support small- and medium-sized businesses, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa;
- the opening of new offices in Tokyo, Casablanca, and Lagos;
- financial restructuring of major industrial groups to reduce corporate debt in Mexico; and
- new efforts to link developing countries more closely with world capital markets.

Development

Capital projects development was again a highlight in FY88. Funds for converting debt into equity were approved for Brazil and launched in Chile and the Philippines. New country funds to stimulate portfolio investments were launched for Thailand and Brazil.

And the Emerging Markets

Investment Fund was established specifically to attract Japanese investors to developing countries' stock markets. The \$60 million fund will work closely with local investment partners in each country for ventures in the range of \$100,000 to \$750,000.

The total dollar amount of IFC's investment approvals in FY88 increased in every area of the world, with sub-Saharan Africa showing an increase of 73 per cent over the previous year. Investments were approved in 40 countries in a wide range of business sectors.

Of IFC's total loan and equity investment approvals of almost \$1.3 billion, \$1.04 billion was for IFC's own account and \$231 million for the account of other investors. Loans represented 83 per cent of total, and equity investments 17 per cent.

The number of companies in which IFC had investments rose from 404 to 449, located in 78 developing countries. IFC now holds \$3.3 billion of investments in its portfolio, up from \$2.8 billion in FY87.

IFC disbursements in FY88

increased by 25 per cent and amounted to \$2.3 billion, for 172 projects in a broad range of sectors in 56 countries.

The disbursed loan portfolio grew by 21 per cent to \$1.9 billion, and the disbursed equity portfolio grew by 26 per cent to \$414 million.

New investment commitments jumped 98 per cent from \$742 million in FY87 to \$1.1 billion in FY88.

Net income for the year reached an all-time high of \$100.6 million, nearly double the 1987 figure of \$53.8 million and almost four times the \$25.4 million total in FY88.

This result reflected



Seyassah and Arab Times newspapers, in cooperation with Messilah Beach Hotel are organising

KUWAIT'S 3RD BI-ANNUAL OFFSHORE POWERBOAT RACE

to be held on Friday, October 28, 1988.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Boats must be at least 18 ft. in length.
- Engines must be outboard. If a single engine is used, an additional 10hp engine is advised. Two engines are maximum permissible.
- Crew must have a minimum of two members. All crew must be at least 18 years of age.
- The boat must be registered with the port authority of Kuwait, or if the boat is from outside Kuwait, with the authority of its port of origin.

SAFETY REGULATIONS

All participants must have the following equipment:

- Bright orange helmet and protective goggles.
- Bright orange life jackets (inflatable life jackets not permitted).
- A marine compass (advanced electronic navigation equipment prohibited).
- Suitable anchor and a 25 metre (minimum) rope.
- At least three red safety flares and a fire extinguisher.
- Boats must have sufficient fuel to cover the race.
- Battery or fuel tank leakages must be repaired and checked before the race.
- Each boat must be equipped with a telephone or two-way radio.

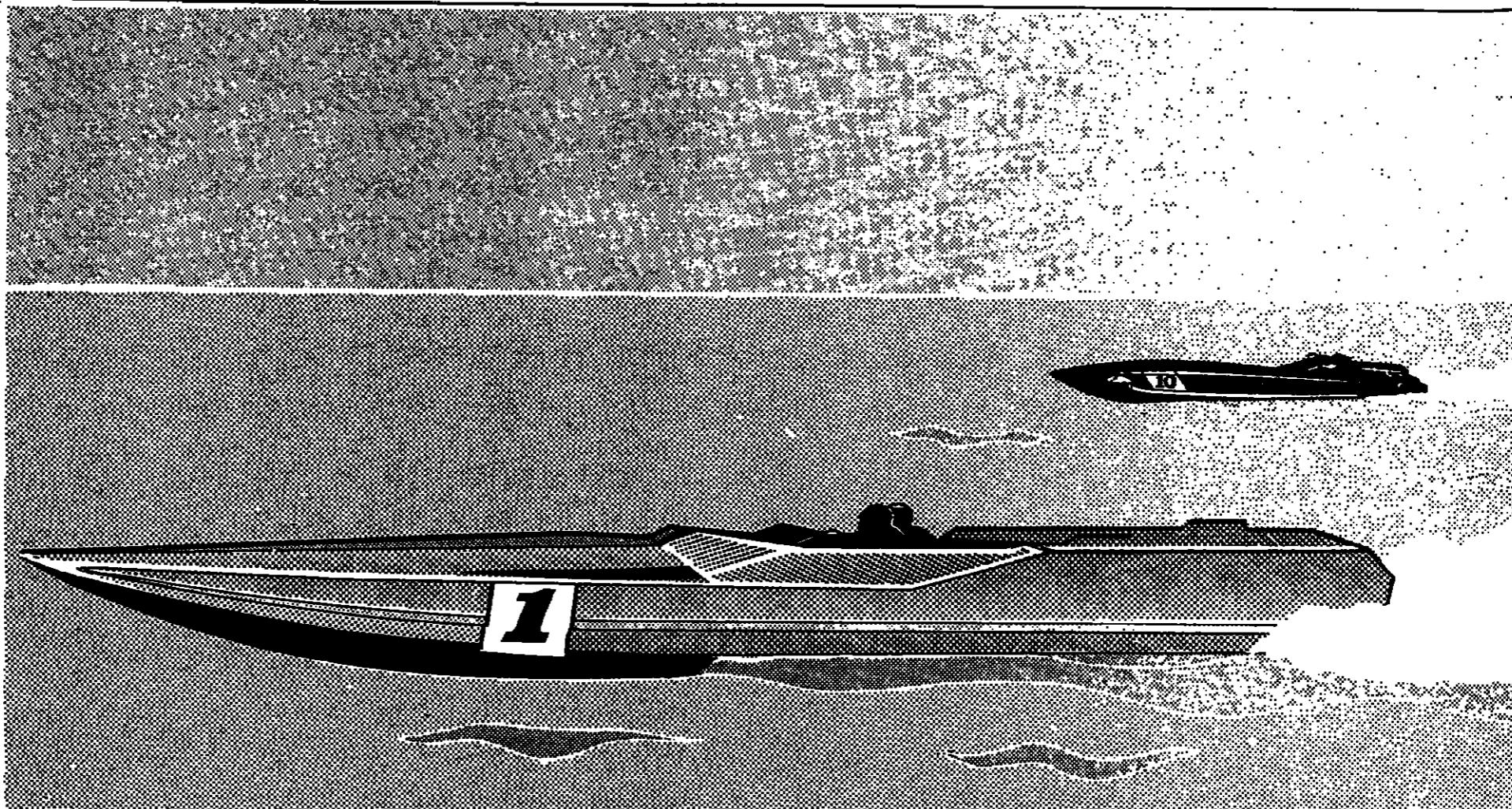
Failure to comply with the above may result in disqualification. Scrutinizing will be prior to the race and safety equipment must be displayed on deck.

If needed, further bulletins will be issued.

- Participation is open to all Gulf Citizens and residents who have lived in the Gulf for a minimum of six months.
- Last date for accepting entries is October 25, 1988.

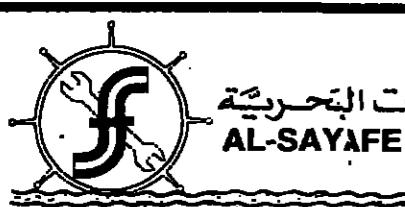
Entry fee per participant - KD 15.000

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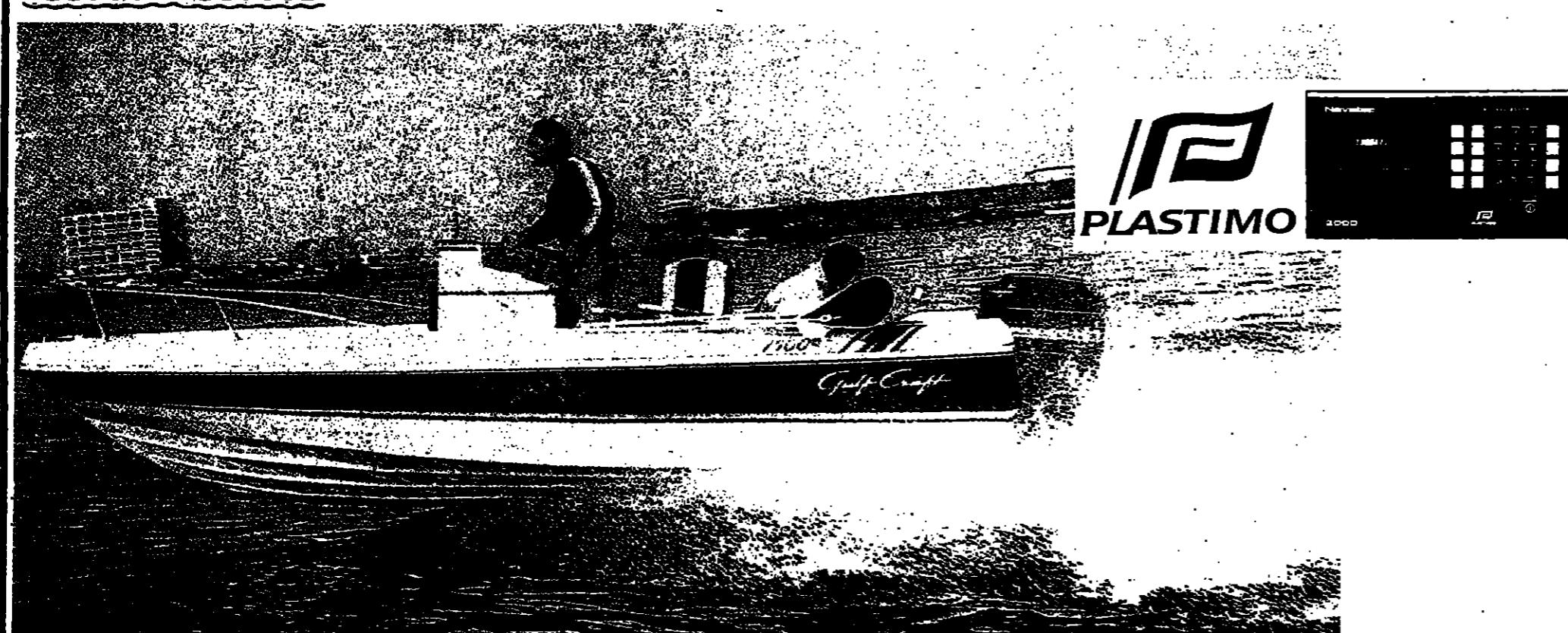
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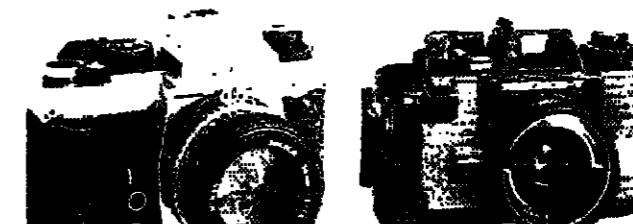
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Dear Junior Readers,

One thing I have not yet nagged you about is looking after your teeth, so that is going to be today's subject!

Many years ago, before the days of toothbrushes, paste and modern dental equipment, caring for teeth was a problem. Going to the dentist (if you could find one) was even worse and it was not surprising that people were terrified! Nowadays, there is very little excuse for having bad teeth — it is just a question of how you look after them. How many of you feel you cannot be bothered at night? How many of you are in too much of a hurry in the morning? You are making a big mistake if you think it does not matter. It is true that lost teeth can be replaced, but it is often very expensive to do that and they are never readily as good as your own. Try to get into the habit of brushing your teeth at least twice a day. When you brush, do it well — you need to spend a couple of minutes at it. Many people think they already do that, but take a clock into the bathroom next time and you will be surprised to see that your normal brushing time is perhaps only about thirty seconds! Once you have a routine, you will really notice if you miss a brushing.

Finally, go to the dentist for a check-up every six months and remember that there is nothing to be afraid of! The dentist has some very clever tools and machines and can actually save you trouble by stopping small problems from getting bigger.

Auntie Joye

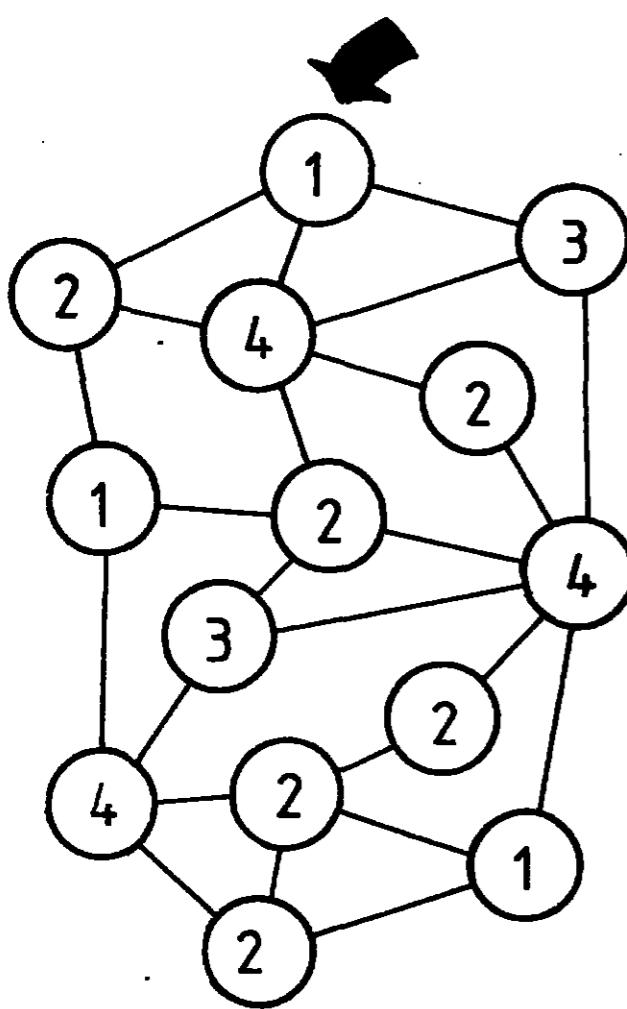
Happy Birthday



Jyoti Opal (above, left) and Raju Nihalani celebrate their birthdays this week. Love and many, many happy returns to you both from Jing Bang and parents.

Solution to Tuesday's crossword:
Across: 1 Undercoat; 7 Era; 8 Cleanse; 9 Too; 10 Enlarge; 14 Suppress; 17 Hat; 19 Frigate; 21 Inn; 22 Extrated
Down: 1 Uncle; 2 Dwell; 3 Ran; 4 Cheese; 5 Test; 6 Canoe; 11 Gap; 12 Repast; 13 Chair; 15 Unfit; 16 Steed; 18 Tome; 20 Ice.

STARTING AT 1 TOTAL 22 AT THE BOTTOM



By Sheena Ronsey

AS Timothy walked up the road from the beach, the mist rolled in behind him, and soon he could not see the houses he was passing. He found a gate which looked like Aunt Mary's gate, but as soon as he went into the house behind it, he knew he had come to the wrong one. He tried to go out again, but the door would not open. It had opened easily when he came in, so Timothy pulled harder, but it was no use. He began to think there was something queer about that door.

Suddenly Timothy sat down on the floor with a bump. The house was rocking. Timothy could hardly believe it. He stood up very carefully and tried to walk across the room. There was no doubt about it, that house was rocking gently in a way no ordinary well-behaved house ought to do. Then Timothy heard footsteps from inside the house, and bravely he turned to face the door as it opened.

An old man came in, and Timothy was so surprised that he forgot to be frightened. He had never seen a wizard before, but he was quite sure that this man could not be anything else.

"Good afternoon, young man," said the wizard, when he had got over his own surprise at finding a strange boy in his kitchen. "How did you appear?"

"I was going to Aunt Mary's house," said Timothy. "But I went through the wrong gate in the mist and came here by mistake. I'm very sorry. I can't open the door to go out again."

"Of course not," said the wizard.

"It's dangerous to open outside doors when the house is flying. You must have come in just before I made the locking spell."

"I'm sorry," said Timothy again. He was not sure whether the wizard was really cross, even though he was frowning.

"Quite right," said the wizard. "Sorry is what you should be, but it doesn't help much at the moment." Then he smiled. "How about chocolate cake and orange juice while we wait?"

Timothy decided that he liked the wizard, and the cake was nearly as good as the ones Aunt Mary made. It did not seem a long time before they felt a bump as the house landed. Timothy ran to the window.

"Where are we?" he asked.

Timothy stared in dismay at mile after mile of hills, with not a single house in sight.

"What a lovely view," said the wizard.

"But how am I going to get home from here?" cried Timothy.

"Well, Um... that has been worrying me for some time," said the wizard. "You see, I retired years ago, and sold all my magic books. The only spells I remember are the ones I need for moving my house. I do not know where we are now, and I have no idea how you are going to get home."

Timothy looked at the wizard. He could not bear

The flying house

to think that he might never get home. The wizard seemed upset about it too. He said he would go and turn out his cupboards, in case there was a spell hidden away which might be useful. He was gone a long time, and Timothy looked around for something to do. When the wizard came back, there were puddles of water on the floor and a lot of soapsuds in the sink, but the dishes were clean and none of them broken.

"Splendid," said the wizard.

"I hate washing-up after chocolate cake. I think you've earned this little present."

Timothy looked at the thing the wizard gave him. It was round and flat with a hollow in the middle.

"It's called a journey stone," said the wizard. "Hold it in your hand and blow on it." Timothy blew, and a light came on the hollow. "That light means the stone is ready to take you somewhere. So you say the magic word, say where you want to go, and next minute you're there."

"Thank you," said Timothy. "What's the magic word?"

"Well, Um... I can't remember," said the wizard. "It is something like cheese, or peas. The trouble is that if you say a word which is like the magic word but not quite right, the stone will take you somewhere like the place you want to go to but not quite right, which is really the same as a wrong

place."

"Then I'll try again," said Timothy, "and keep on trying till I get the right one."

"You could if the stone was new," said the wizard, "but this one is old. It has only three journeys left, and after that it will be no use at all. But I think you could try several words together. If the right one is there it should be more powerful than the others."

"Cheese, peas and trees," said Timothy. "I want to go to Aunt Mary's house by the sea."

Next minute he landed with a bump and a splash in the waves at the edge of a beach, but it was not the beach near Aunt Mary's house. There were sand dunes where the road ought to be. Timothy climbed the dunes and looked over the other side, but there were no houses, and he could not see any people who might tell him where he was. So he sat down and tried to think of more words rhyming with cheese.

"Knees, bees, keys," he said, "and teas, at Aunt Mary's house with a white gate and a garden."

Suddenly Timothy found himself beside a table full of lovely food. It looked so nice that he could not take his eyes off it.

"What are you doing in here?" said a woman's voice.

Timothy jumped. She sounded very cross.

"I'm looking for Aunt Mary," he said.



"I may be called Mary," she said, "and I may be an aunt. But I don't have dirty little nephews like you."

She picked up a poker and chased Timothy out of the house, into the garden and through the white gate to the street.

"I did," said Timothy, "but I found myself again." He was so glad to be back. He did not mind his own Aunt Mary telling him he was dirty and must wash before he could have tea.

Timothy finished his bread and butter, and looked hopefully at his favourite chocolate cake.

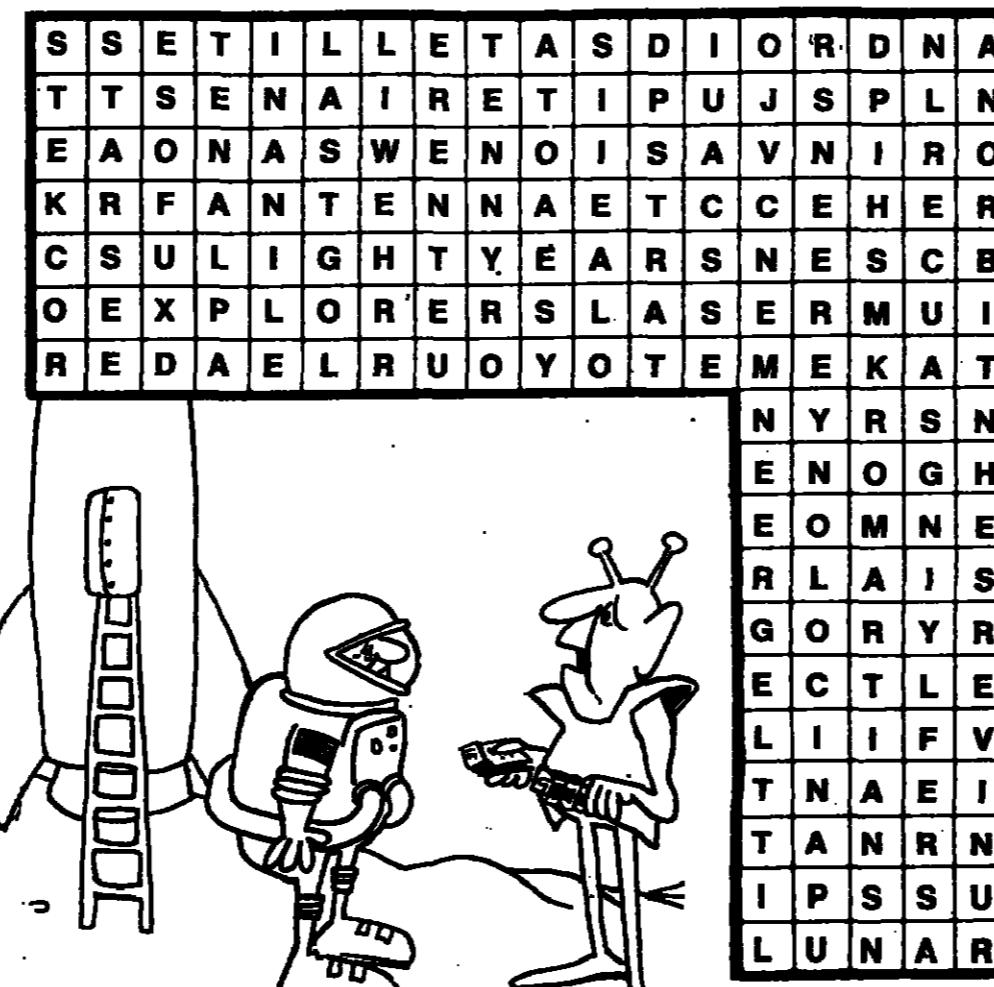
"What's the magic word, Tim?" asked Aunt Mary.

Timothy stopped looking at the cake and stared at his aunt. How did she know? He was saving his story for later.

"Please," said Timothy. Aunt Mary cut him an extra large slice.

FROM SPACE

ALIENS	JUPITERIAN	MORK	SATELLITES
ANDROIDS	INVASION	NEWS	SHIP:
ANTENNAE	LASER	ORBIT	SPACEMAN:
COLONY	LIGHT YEARS	PANIC	STARS
EXPLORERS	LITTLE GREEN MEN	PLANET	TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER
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Clue: Space movie, Invasion of the Body (9 letters)

Matchstick trick

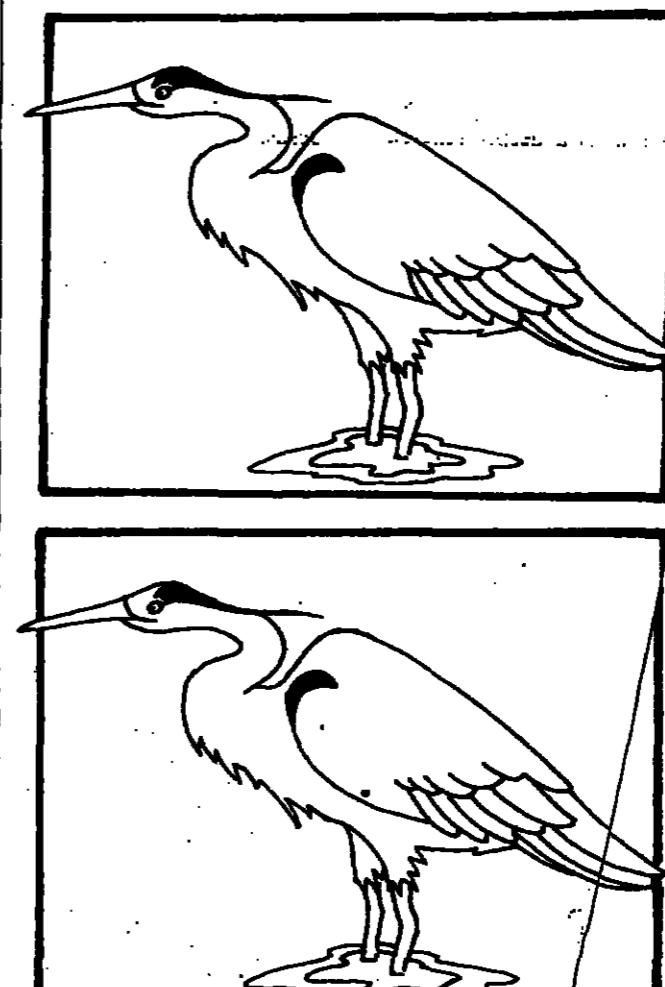


Before you perform this trick, dip one end of a drinking straw into water and then into sugar. Push the other end of the straw into a bar of soap. Wipe off any soap and sugar from the outside of the straw, so that nobody knows what you have done. Now put two used matchsticks into a glass of water. If you put the soap end of the straw into the water, the matches will move apart. If you put the sugary end in, the matches will come together.

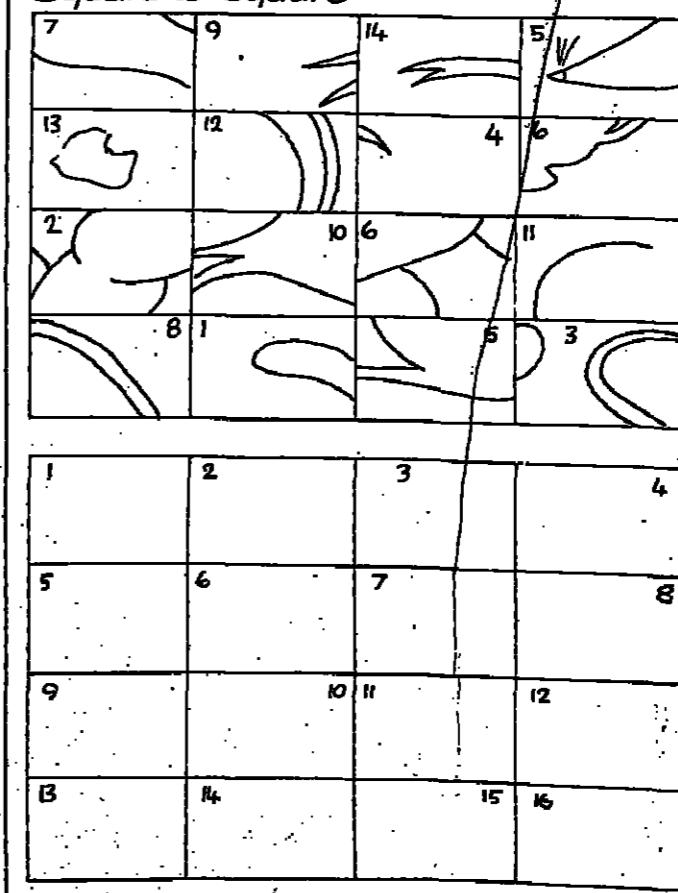
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The temptress Mary Magdalene played by Barbara Hershey and the tempted Willem Dafoe (right) as Jesus Christ.

Tame temptation for cine-goers?

By Mary Kemp

A FILM in which Jesus dreams about having sex with Mary Magdalene is receiving rave reviews. And no-one is more delighted than its director Martin Scorsese.

His controversial film *The Last Temptation of Christ* has caused an uproar among religious leaders around the world.

But the Hollywood director feared for his life when he received death threats from religious fanatics. During his trip to the Venice Film Festival the top movie-maker was accompanied by a bodyguard, six policemen and 24 plain clothed detectives.

Even his wife Barbara had to take a bodyguard on a simple shopping trip.

The leader of England's Roman Catholics, Cardinal Basil Hume, has called on all Christians to boycott the film. London Transport has announced a ban on advertising the movie, and Mrs Mary Whitehouse, president of the National Viewers' and listeners' Association, has proclaimed the film an act of downright blasphemy.

But as the commotion dies down *The Last Temptation of Christ* is being hailed as "moving," "absorbing," and by one prominent British film critic as "the most powerful and intelligent films so far made on the life of Christ."

Based on a novel by the Greek writer Nikos Kazantzakis, which has been widely available in bookshops for more than 20 years. *The Last Temptation of Christ* is unlike any other biblical epic. It is not a literal translation of the Bible but a fictional account of the life of Jesus.

There are no rosy-faced disciples or heavenly choirs. Instead the movie centres on Jesus, a man who accepts his destiny, although plagued by self-doubt and fear.

For the 46-year-old Martin Scorsese, the Italian/American film-maker who almost became

Is it boring, blasphemous or brilliant? David Bowie is one of the stars, Peter Gabriel wrote the music, and the relatively unknown Willem Dafoe turns in a stunning performance as Jesus. But what is all the fuss about ...?

a priest in his youth, the film is a dream come true.

For more than 15 years Martin Scorsese has wanted to make a film about Jesus. He says: "The desire to do a film about Jesus has always been there. I don't know which came first, the movies or the church.

Vivid

"My first vivid memories of childhood are seeing movies and becoming enveloped in the Catholic religion. I felt somehow the two co-existed.

"I was fascinated by images of Jesus. I wanted to do something on him, too.

"I've wanted to make *The Last Temptation of Christ* for over 15 years both as a filmmaker and as a Christian. I believe with all my heart that the film is a deeply religious work."

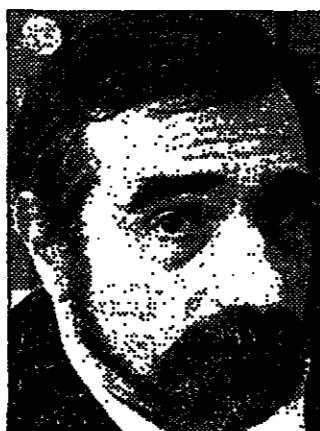
Although Jesus is tempted by Satan, what the movie says, and what I believe, is that Jesus resisted temptation. This film is an affirmation of faith and hope."

Scorsese is defended by actor Willem Dafoe, who portrayed Jesus. Fantasising on the Cross about making love to Mary Magdalene, Willem, 33, who became known for his role in the award-winning film *Platoon*, says: "It's sex you're after, this is not the movie.

"People are expecting something scandalous, which they are not going to get. I had no idea the film would cause such an outrage.

"When you relate the events out of context they sound so bizarre."

Willem found the role physically and mentally draining. During the 62 days of filming in Morocco, he became totally immersed in the life of



Martin Scorsese: received death threats

Christ. He says: "It seemed like every night I dreamt about Jesus."

His role also required great stamina, particularly the crucifixion scene. It took two and a half days to shoot.

Willem who lives in Manhattan in New York, with girlfriend Elizabeth LeCompte and their four-year-old son Jack, refuses to discuss his own religious beliefs. He says: "The director did not want to know when he gave me the part. So I guess it's no one else's business, either."

Unlike most of the others involved in the film Willem admits he never sat down to read Kazantzakis' controversial novel. He did not want to be influenced in any way. While with his co-star Barbara Hershey, who plays Mary Magdalene, the book had always been favourite. She was the person who gave a copy of the book to Scorsese. Scorsese says: "In 1972, I got *The Last Temptation of Christ* from Barbara. As soon as I started

reading it, I realised it was the right material for me."

Actress Barbara was equally moved. She says: "I have always been fascinated by the Christ story and from the moment I read the script I was moved by Mary Magdalene's situation." And playing the whore who later became Jesus's wife in his dream was one of the most disturbing roles she has encountered.

But for the 41-year-old actress it wasn't being the first woman to make love to Christ on a cinema screen that troubled her. Instead it was the scene in which Jesus stumbled across gamblers and perverts watching Mary Magdalene making love to four men.

Barbara reveals: "For me, being with all these different men and being a prostitute was a very, very painful experience, far harder than the scene people seem to be talking about."

The child star of the movie, 14-year-old British schoolgirl Juliette Caton cannot understand what all the fuss is about. She says: "It's not as sexy as Crocodile Dundee."

"I've seen the film, including all the so-called shocking scenes, and I haven't had any nightmares yet."

Angelic Juliette plays Christ's evil angel who leads Jesus from his crucifixion into a dream showing him the life he could have had as an ordinary man.

Other actors whose performances will be remembered for a long time to come are Harvey Keitel as Judas and British rock star David Bowie who plays Pontius Pilate's role as the cynic who sees Jesus as an annoying trouble-maker is a far cry from his rock star status.

Fellow musician Peter Gabriel, formerly leader of the rock band Genesis, has written the movie score. Gabriel has turned the folk music of North Africa and the Middle East into a haunting melody evoking the life and times of Jesus.

With so much talent — and so much controversy — the film is bound to make millions. Is it worth all the fuss?

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Politics is the message, but that's not what the crowds are queuing for in Moscow

Soviets stunned by steamy sex scenes in new political film

By Mary Ellen Bortin

MOSCOW, (Reuter): The first Soviet film to portray a couple in the act of making love has created such a sensation in Moscow that the authorities have banned it from cinemas in the city centre.

Malenkaya Vera (Little Vera) is a damning depiction of ordinary Soviet family life in the provinces. But its frank political message is not what drew more than half a million people during the week it opened. They came for the sex scenes.

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Pierce Brosnan: more stunning than his female co-stars

Pierce's pretty boy image hard to shake off

By Baz Bamigboye

PIERCE BROSNAN abhors violence. "If it is part of the story and not gratuitous then that's fine, but I don't like violence for the sake of it."

In fact, the image Brosnan is finding harder to shake off is that of the pretty boy actor who is all too often more stunning than his co-stars.

The dapper Irishman with the fine good looks is going for pure escapism in his next role, a mini-series based on Jules Verne's "Around the World in Eight Days". Brosnan, 35, will portray Phileas Fogg, memorably played by David Niven in the epic big screen version.

He is desperate to try other things, after playing the wet private eye opposite Stephanie Zimbalist in *Remington Steele* for five years and being hurled into the headlines as the man who was nearly James Bond. His NBC contract prevented him from taking up the lucrative role which went to Timothy Dalton instead.

Brosnan's leading part in the Merchant Ivory film of John



Brosnan with Deborah Raffin in Noble House.



Richard Burton: drowned his talent in wealth, women and wine

his lifestyle with Elizabeth Taylor "obscene."

Programme-maker Palmer vehemently disagrees, but he does not say so directly. Like many modern documentaries, *In From The Cold* has no narrator to guide or draw conclusions, just images of the man, his work, his own words and those of the people closest to him.

But Palmer's programme strongly implies that the moment he stopped being Richard Jenkins' 12th child of an impoverished Welsh coal miner, and became Richard Burton's protégé and namesake of a remarkable teacher, Burton never again quite touched reality.

Director Steve de Jarnatt spent nine years trying to make *Miracle Mile*, a movie that asks these questions, but most Hollywood studios felt audiences could not handle the answers. It was an instant hit with audiences and critics when it was screened at Toronto's International Film Festival recently.

Actor Anthony Edwards, who played Tom Cruise's buddy in *Top Gun* and the title role in *Mr North*, is the hero of *Miracle Mile*, a trumpet player who takes the call from a man

who appears to be a frightened soldier in a North Dakota missile silo.

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Probing bio-pic on Burton

By Gregory Jensen

LONDON, (UPI): A vivid television "portrait" of actor Richard Burton is on its way to the world's screens, and its recent British showing proves it a masterpiece of its kind.

Tony Palmer's *In From The Cold* is subtitled *A Portrait Of Richard Burton*. But it is less a portrait than an analysis, a probe of Burton's tragic character as searching as a Psychoanalysis by Freud.

It is not easy television. It lasts two hours 15 minutes, and it forces the viewer not only to think but to judge.

Burton, who died only four years ago, already is a 20th century legend. He achieved everything a man could want, and then — according to popular belief — sold out for a mess of Hollywood pottage, drowning his talent in wealth, women and booze.

But is that legend true? Lauren Bacall, who was instrumental in getting Burton to Hollywood, believes it is.

"Richard was interested in ... things and possessions and position — a lot of empty things," Bacall says in the programme. "And

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LOCAL CRICKET

Capri score
easy win over
Lanka Lions

CAPRI Cricket Club beat Lanka Lions by six wickets while Deccan Blue Cricket Club thrashed Cyclones by 109 runs in Goodyear-YMCA Cricket Tournament matches at the Ahmadi Governorate ground earlier this week.

Lanka Lions scored 132 for eight in 28 overs with Namal remaining unbeaten on 43. Faisals hit 35 and Peru 19. For Capri, Tariq and Naresh took three wickets each while Nasir got two.

In reply, Capri got the runs for the loss of only four wickets by the 22nd over. Adnan slammed seven fours in his 67, Bittu Singh hit 38 and Irfan 25.

Thrashed

For Lanka Lions, Dammika was the only successful bowler with four wickets for 24 in six overs.

In the second match, Deccan Blue thrashed Cyclones bowlers to pile up 218 for the loss of five wickets in 22 overs. Zulqarnain hammered 110, Imtiaz 40 and Shabbir 29.

Cyclones were never in the hunt for runs and could only score 109 for six with Salim hitting 47.

For Deccan, Imtiaz took three wickets.

Tomorrow OKCC meet Flying Arrows at 8.45 am while Kokan face Cyclones at 12.45 pm.

Riffat takes
Meridien
past Hilti

MERIDIEN Cricket Club thrashed Hilti Cricket Club by 103 runs in the opening match of the Sabah Trophy cricket tournament at the Safeway ground earlier this week.

Meridien captain lost the toss, after the tournament had been declared open by the personnel manager of Meridien, Hassan Bayerli, but was invited by the Hilti skipper to make first use of the wicket.

Meridien managed to score 159 runs in their 25 allotted overs. Ramesh was the top scorer with 44 while Mirza hit 26, Saleem 20, Marvin 17 and Haroon 12.

For Hilti, Saleem took two wickets while Khozama and Ishfaq got one each.

Hilti, in reply, were never able to get on top of the Meridien bowling and were all out for 56.

For Meridien Riffat took five wickets while Danny got three.

H&E Club
beat Ahmadi

DISPLAYING considerable local knowledge of the course and wind conditions, the Hunting and Equestrian Club had an easy victory over their traditional rivals, Ahmadi Golf Club, in the first round of the Bund Cup, when they were hosts to Ahmadi on Friday.

Ahmadi will now have to wait till the January 6, 1989, when the second round is played over their course, to wrest the advantage from H&E.

The Bund Cup is an inter-club annual trophy between the two clubs and goes to the club which has the higher number of matches won over the two rounds.

Walked

Played as a four-ball better-ball competition, H&E's victory of 12 matches to 5, with 4 halved was particularly satisfactory for them and their captain, Doctor Pritam Sahni, considering that Ahmadi's team included all their top players.

Ahmadi won both the nearest-to-the-pin competitions — Tony Newcombe for the men on the 18th hole and Audrey Redshaw for the ladies on the 13th. H&E, however, walked away with the longest drives — Anwar Siddiqui on the 12th against a strong wind and Valentina Hendenstroem on the 11th.

The prizes were given away by Mohammed Majid Al Shahen, the director general of the Hunting & Equestrian Club.

CCK move into semifinals

CCK reached the semifinals of the Knock-out Cricket Tournament with a six-wicket victory over NBK at the Ahmadi grounds earlier this week.

NBK opted to bat, after winning the toss, and opened their innings through Ali Rizvi and Arif Latif who hammered all the CCK bowlers and put on 74 runs for the first wicket.

Joined

Arif Latif was the first to leave, bowled by Raees, and Ejaz joined him back in the pavilion soon — caught brilliantly by Fawaz off Faisal.

Ali Rizvi scored 87 with the help of five fours and five sixes as NBK put on 170 in 25 overs.

LLOYD FINISHES IN SECOND PLACE

Gandy wins KNDC and ACC races

PAUL GANDY, in the first championship race meeting of the 1988/89 kart racing season, took first place in both the KNDC and ACC championships ahead of Simon Lloyd (Like Cola). Third place fell jointly to Burfoot and Haines (Halliburton) in the ACC, with Haines alone taking third in the KNDC.

Round one of the ACC championship started with Lloyd on pole position and Gandy on anti-pole. In the rush down to the "Esses", Lloyd and Gandy collided causing Gandy to leave the track and rejoin the race in last position.

Position

Gandy managed to stay ahead of the rest of the field and gradually opened a gap between himself and Haines in second place. The race for third position between Burfoot and Haggopian third. Lloyd left the race in a spin with steering problems, Burfoot and Snell lost drive chains and Haines suffered electrical problems.

The third round event was a hard fought battle between Gandy and Lloyd. Lloyd led for nine laps when on the last lap Gandy, in a classic overtaking manoeuvre, snatched first place from Lloyd, who once again incurred an electrical failure and dropped to the back of the pack.

After eight laps the finishing order was resolved with Lloyd first, Haines second and Gandy, fighting hard, taking third place.

The race for round two disintegrated due to running for all but three drivers. Gandy took a



Lloyd (left), Gandy (2nd left) and Haines (2nd right) after receiving their prizes from Mahdi Habib.

comfortable first place, a creditable Burfoot second and Haggopian third. Lloyd left the race in a spin with steering problems, Burfoot and Snell lost drive chains and Haines suffered electrical problems.

The fifteen lap final KNDC race saw Gandy in pole position with Lloyd on anti-pole. During a hard fought race, Gandy kept Lloyd at bay who tried, in a bumper-to-bumper exchange, to find a way through.

On the last lap Lloyd came too close and the two karts locked together for an instant, following this exchange Lloyd's engine

hesitated and Gandy pulled away to a clear victory. Haines took third place holding onto a loose exhaust with Haggopian fourth and Burfoot fifth.

The next race is due to take place on Oct 21:

Championship Table.

	ACC	KNDC
Gandy	35	15
Lloyd	31	12
Haines	24	10
Burfoot	24	0
Bolig	22	8
Haggopian	21	9
Snell	8	0



Gandy with his winning kart.

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The fifteen lap final KNDC race saw Gandy in pole position with Lloyd on anti-pole. During a hard fought race, Gandy kept Lloyd at bay who tried, in a bumper-to-bumper exchange, to find a way through.

On the last lap Lloyd came too close and the two karts locked together for an instant, following this exchange Lloyd's engine

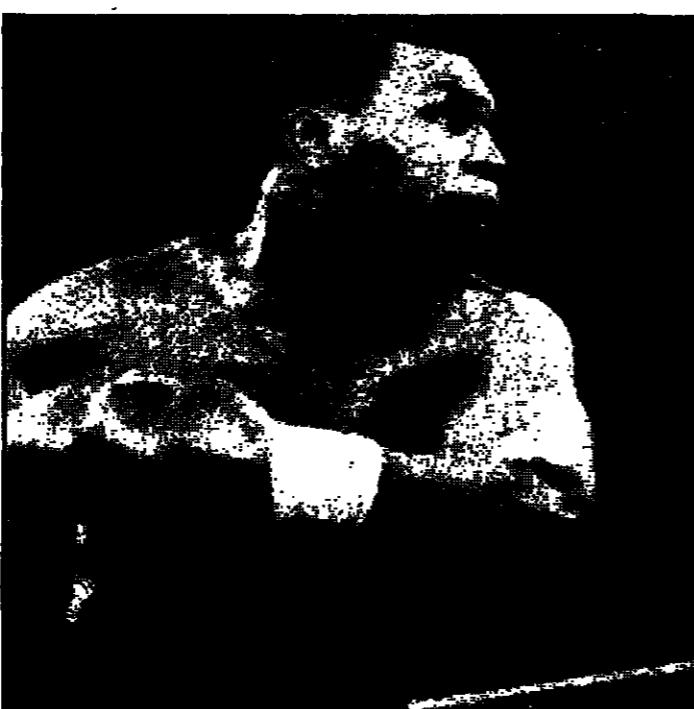
hesitated and Gandy pulled away to a clear victory. Haines took third place holding onto a loose exhaust with Haggopian fourth and Burfoot fifth.

The next race is due to take place on Oct 21:

Championship Table.

	ACC	KNDC
Gandy	35	15
Lloyd	31	12
Haines	24	10
Burfoot	24	0
Bolig	22	8
Haggopian	21	9
Snell	8	0

New Tyson injury threatens Bruno bout



Tyson: suffers another injury

problems moved the fight back two more times, to December.

According to news, Cayton said he spoke to the doctor who treated Tyson in Cleveland and was told the injury was "minor."

Cayton said Tyson was expected

to arrive in New York today or tomorrow to be examined by David Chin, who treated Tyson after the fight with Green.

"I think they want to keep him (Tyson) in Cleveland because they're afraid of papers being served on him," Cayton was quoted as saying.

Tyson reportedly has been huddling with King and other advisers in King's home concerning the divorce action his wife, Robin Givens, filed in California last Friday. It was expected that Tyson would file for divorce himself in New Jersey, where the couple had been residing, or seek an annulment of the eight-month marriage.

Property
Givens' lawyers, already in New York, said yesterday that they will seek an out-of-court property settlement with Tyson, but also hinted there is a chance to save their rocky marriage.

Givens hired divorce lawyer Raoul Felder and his California associate Neal Raymond Hersh on Sunday, the lawyers said. She was originally represented by celebrity divorce lawyer Marvin Mitchelson.

Asked about a possible reconciliation, Felder said: "It's not unthinkable. If she had her druthers, she would rather be a happily married young girl."

Former Test cricketers to play in Kuwait

HUBARA. Cricketers have arranged a series of games from Oct 20-23 involving a British Airways side from England.

The matches have been planned to celebrate the start of the British Airways' Kuwait-Madras flight in November.

Playing for the BA XI on Friday (Oct 21) and Sunday (Oct 23) will be former Indian Test wicketkeeper Farokh Engineer and also a former England Test bowler Don Wilson. Friday's game starts at 9.30 am and Sunday at 10.30 am. Both the games are 45 overs each side.

Tourists
Hubara Cricketers and Kuwait Cricketers (Hawks) will select the Ahmadi Invitation XI to play the Friday game while a Great Britain Select will take on the tourists in the second game.

At both the games, British Airways will raffle a return ticket to Madras/Karachi or London with tickets available on these days only.

Admission to both the games is free.

Two charges laid against Johnson

TORONTO, Oct 11, (Reuters): Disgraced Olympic sprinter Ben Johnson was charged with assault and possession of a weapon dangerous to the public peace yesterday, Toronto police said.

The charges followed a police investigation into a motorist's complaint five days earlier that a man in a Porsche pointed a handgun at him as he drove along a highway.

The motorist, whose name was withheld, provided police with the licence number of the Porsche, a police spokesman said. It matched that of Johnson's car.

Pistol

The spokesman said officers went to Johnson's home in the Toronto suburb of Scarborough, near the highway where the incident was reported, and found a starter's pistol in the Jamaican-born Canadian sprinter's car.

Johnson, 26, told police he had been driving his car at the time but denied he had pointed the gun at anyone, the spokesman said. A starter's pistol can fire blanks only and the barrel is blocked.

Yesterday, Johnson and his attorney Edward Futterman were asked to report to police headquarters.

After one hour, police issued a statement saying that two charges had been laid against Johnson, who was stripped of his 100-metre Olympic gold medal and world record in Seoul after testing positive for an anabolic steroid on September 26.

Police released Johnson after he promised to appear in court on October 25.

Johnson and his lawyer refused to comment on the char-



Johnson: to appear in court

41 teams accept invitation to Pan-Islamic tournament

41 COUNTRIES have so far accepted invitations to play in the first Pan-Islamic Soccer Tournament, to be held in Kuwait in March next year.

The tournament will be held under the patronage of HH the Amir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed, and Kuwait will bear all the expenses of the teams. KD two million has been allocated for the event.

It has also been learnt that the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour, Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed, will be the chairman of the organising committee of the tournament.

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YMCA defeat Zarqa

YMCA lost another quick wicket and were in trouble at 13 for two.

Hafiz joined Remy and both of them took the score to 114 before being separated. Hafiz hit 65 and Remy 41 before the match was stopped after the 24th over with YMCA at 150 for eight. As Zarqa had scored 148 for eight at the same stage in their innings, YMCA were declared winners on better run-rate.

Zarqa lodged a protest at the end of the match saying that there had been time for one more over and that the umpires' decision to stop the match had been in YMCA's favour. The organisers decided to award two points to both the teams after hearing the protest.

LAHORE, Pakistan, Oct 12, (AP): Australian captain Allan Border said today his side came out better than Pakistan in the three-Test cricket series despite overall defeat.

"I think we finished off better than the Pakistanis both in the Faisalabad and Lahore Tests," he told reporters after losing the series 1-0.

Considered

Australia drew the second and third Tests after losing the first at Karachi by an innings and 188 runs — a defeat they blamed on what they considered a sub-standard pitch and unfair umpiring.

Australia were very much in command in the final Test which

Border said he would like to

retain the team against the West Indies. "We have played together for 18 months to two years and it would be shame if it starts disintegrating because of a couple of bad performances."

Border admitted that the team's fielding, their batting, and the catching had been very poor. "It was quite obvious that field let us down," he said. "(But) once we get home I think we will get over this problem."

Nice

On the nasty situation that developed due to the umpiring in the Karachi Test. "Our management was very strong and supported the players' feeling well. They got a lot of flak over it. It was not a nice situation to be in. But we felt strongly about it and spoke out our minds," Border said.

